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NOTICE

A General Meeing of the Society will be held in the Wu-Lien-Teh Hall, 20 Museum Road, on Thursday, December 21, 1939. The Chair will be taken by the President, A. de C. Sowerby, Esq., at 5.30 p.m.

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FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING

The Fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Society will be held TO-DAY at 5.45 p.m. in the Park Hotel.

Paper on:
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by
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Tea will be available from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

N. W. B. CLARKE,
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That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. William Gockson of Shanghai be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such Winding-Up.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. GOCKCHIN
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18 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
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19 Opening Permanent Exhibition of Sample Local Industry, 9 French Bund, Office 48
19 A.W.C. X'mas music and plays, 4.45
19 Two Christmas Plays. Public School for Girls, 5.30
19 Int'nal. Branch, Y.W.C.A. Christmas Tea at 'Cedarcrest,' 5.30
19 For. Y. Lecture: 'Modern Physics' by Dr. S. H. Chao
19 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
19 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
19 Artist Club, Hongkew, Eastern Theatre, 'King Oedipus' by Sophocles, Directed by Alfred Dreifuss, 8.30
19 Leonora Valesby violin recital, A.W.C.
20 Cathedral Carol Service, 5.45
20 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
21 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
22 Italian Club, Chamber Music Concert, 5.30
23 Children's Christmas Party, Shanghai Engineers' Club. 3.
23 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
23 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
24 Municipal Orchestra, 11th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
24 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Limbless Fund, Sale, U.C. Hall, 9.30
29 Rover Ball at Masonic Hall, sponsored by 7th Shanghai Rovers, 8.30
30 'Venus in Silks,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45

JANUARY, 1940

3 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
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4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
5 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
5 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon', Lyc. 9.15
6 A.D.C. 'Busman's Honeymoon,' Lyc. 3
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The Buses:

A Passenger's Thanks

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wonder if you will kindly permit old BABOOSHKA to convey a word of thanks and Christmas and New Year Greetings to the local bus company. Firstly, for suppling BABOOSHKA with free transportation to and from town on numerous occasions, when due to the overcrowded bus, the conductor was quite unable to collect the fare. Secondly (and this is most important) BABOOSHKA possessed an equator similar to that of the Field Marshal Grand General Air Chief Deputy Fuehrer Graf Herman von Goering and it has now entirely disappeared —such being due not to touching toes or massage but to the more drastic sardine-in-a-tin squeeze one gets when travelling in buses and with this comes added enjoyment from the fare being free. "It is indeed an ill wind that blows no one good" says old

BABOOSHKA.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

Delicacies:

Harmful for Children?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It would do me a great service to know through the medium of your paper whether the giving to children (six to fourteen years old) of such things as ham, sausages, even liver sausage, candles, cakes and other delicacies in any way impairs growth and development and/or results in ill-health, even when given sparingly. If the answer is in the affirmative, what reasons are given by doctors for the avoidance of such practice?

Trusting that one of your readers may supply this information.

INTERESTED.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

This English:

A Double Entendre

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The letter in your issue of today under the heading "This English" reminds one of another curious misuse of our language, which makes frequent appearances in your advertising columns. A well-known local night club has for months past insisted that it is "Definitely the place to go," an example of commercial candour that must be quite unique. The statement has in actual fact proved prophetic, and it will be interesting to see what form the frankness of the Club's proprietors will take in advertising its successor.

NIGHT BIRD.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

"Madame Butterfly" at the Russian Club

God's Word Cannot Be Bound

Sermon Preached in Holy Trinity Cathedral By Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, M.A., on Dec. 10

TEXT:—*"There is no prison for the word of God."* II Tim. 2: 9.

WRITING to his young friend, Timothy Paul points out that in every sphere of life success demands endurance and self discipline. This is true in secular affairs: the successful soldier is restricted from pleasures, the successful athlete is restricted by rules. The principle is equally valid in religious service. For Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the gateway into life was death. Paul, Christ's apostle, was in bonds for the Gospel's sake—but he was a willing sufferer, since the fetters which bound Paul could not bind the message. That is the theme I wish to emphasize this morning. You may bomb towns, destroy hospitals, shell universities, shoot students, and herd men into concentration camps but you cannot bind Truth. There is no prison for the word of God.

Throughout the world, churches are observing today as Bible Sunday. In every country Christians are thinking about the Bible, the Book of books in which is revealed God's Plan for the world. A question that may come to the minds of some of you this morning is—Is such a subject appropriate at the present juncture? You may ask, and you do right to ask—Has the Bible any message for today? What has it to say, for example, to the men and women of China, Poland, Finland in this hour of their immeasurable need?

Counterbalance Our Fears

I have chosen as my text—"There is no prison for the word of God"—because though the daily news is disquieting, dismal and downright bad, and though so many among us are feeling strained and dispirited and 'under the weather,' I believe there is something to be said on the other side—something not less, but more real than the grim, concrete horrors that are confronting and confounding us—something in our Christian inheritance which, if we once really understand it, will counterbalance our fears, and make us, even in this desperate time, more than conquerors.

God Does Rule

The dramatic, incredible message of the Bible is that God does rule. God is behind all history. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? cries Isaiah—Behold, in His sight the nations are as a drop from a bucket, and like dust in a balance. Evil may for a time frustrate God's purpose, but though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea Truth can never be fettered.

Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage.
(Richard Lovelace).

The King's Message

My time is too brief to allow of my illustrating this from happenings in every part of the globe, though this could be done readily. For the most part I want to draw my illustrations from China, but there is one picture, however, that I want to take from my own country. It is a message from our gracious King George VI sent to the Bible House on September 15; I would like to read it: "To all serving in my forces by sea, or land, or in the air, and, indeed, to all my people engaged in defence of the Realm, I commend the reading of this book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration." With our much loved King, as with his father, it is a conviction that the ultimate basis of civilization is not might, force, regimentation, but truth, goodness, beauty, as revealed in God's Word.

Perhaps I might draw a second picture, from Africa. A few days ago there was a great film shown here—Stanley and Livingstone. Livingstone took a Bible to Africa, vested interests, exploited the African with all the material sources upon which they could lay their hands—but what has been the judgment of history—Livingstone's Bible broke the power of the slave dealer and today we are all somewhat ashamed of the way in which the black man was oppressed.

The Bible in China

But now for a few minutes I want to tour the horizon of this country in which you and I are domiciled. Has the Bible a message for a people whose fair land has been turned into a battleground, or has the adventure of Scripture distribution in China come to an end? The amazing truth of the present position is that since the outbreak of the conflict instead of our work being arrested it has widened, and though during the past year we have printed more Bibles and New Testaments than ever before in our history over an equal period of time, we have been unable to supply the extraordinary demand for it. Despite great difficulties arising from the hostilities, the lack of adequate transport, a scarcity of copper cash and from many other causes, the sale of Bibles has increased beyond our dreams.

Bible Sales

During this year in Shanghai alone we have sold 200 per cent. more Bibles and New Testaments than during 1938. A few days ago a bookseller from Tsingtao told me that during the past eleven months he had disposed of 6,188 Bibles and Testaments. A new pocket Bible, something like that carried by Cromwell's Ironsides, which we introduced to meet war conditions, has become so popular that it is now in its 4th edition. More requests have come for this publication from such distant places as Manila and Singapore than we have been able to meet.

At the end of last month we cancelled orders for 35,000 Bibles and Testaments because our printing presses could not work quickly enough to supply them. To keep colporteurs provided with Gospel portions we have been printing in such distant towns as Hankow, Chungking, Chengtu and Sian. There is a charming romance in the publishing of Gospels in Sian. In the Tang dynasty, 1,300 years ago, near to Sian, Nestorian Christians carved their Christian message on stone tablets, and last year, as a result of the present conflict, after an interval of thirteen centuries, Scriptures were printed in that ancient capital. Has the Bible a message for such a time as this? Surely, the facts I have recounted give the answer. There is no prison for the word of God. You can imprison the preacher—you cannot bind his message.

I wanted to Know

Last year before the fall of Hankow I visited that city to study how we could meet the new conditions developing from the immense number of refugees who were fleeing to inland towns. Calling on a Chinese business friend it was most interesting to see on his desk a copy of the Bible in Chinese and to learn that it was his daily custom, before commencing business, to read a passage from his Bible. In addition to his Chinese Bible he had a copy in English and this he could read readily. I discovered too that he had a copy of the Greek New Testament and this he understood quite well. When I asked him why he had learnt Greek his answer humbled me. "I wanted to know," he said, "what exactly our Lord did teach." I found further that he had in his office a copy of the Old Testament in Hebrew and that he had been studying Hebrew for five years so that he might the better understand the old Testament.

Now, there, in that inland town was a Chinese business man who was so interested in the sacred Book that he could read it in four languages. Isn't that a revealing sidelight on what the Bible means to at least one Chinese? Two months ago I had a letter from this man who at present is staying in Shanghai. Let me read it to you:

"Dear Mr. Hudspeth,

I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith a cheque for $2,000 towards the increased cost of printing and transporting the Scriptures which are greatly needed in the interior."

I say again—there is no prison for the word of God—the message cannot be fettered.

Spiritual Comfort

From the highest in this land down to the farmer, the labourer, the lowly pedlar, we have received testimonies as to what the Scriptures have meant to Chinese Christians throughout the past two bitter years. An outstanding contribution it is making during these dark days is the way it is giving confidence, comfort and hope to harassed minds. Wrote one Chinese correspondent: "Troubled spirits need more than ever before the spiritual comfort that the Gospel affords. Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." In a time of crisis the mind simply must have some inspired truth to which it can cling.

The Bible's Message

But at the present juncture, to me the greatest message of the Bible, that which gives to it a value of infinite worth is not that it comforts and inspires, it is that it teaches, from the first book to the last, that the ultimate values are not material but spiritual. In April of this year Lord Baldwin lecturing in Canada made this arresting statement: "Can democracies resist tyranny successfully without becoming themselves enslaved? They can only do so if the spiritual effort they put forth is greater than, and in control of their material effort." Now the implication of this is that ultimately spiritual resources are as essential as and even more essential than material resources, and this not from a missionary but from an ex-Prime Minister of England.

I wish to close on a very personal note. Our country is engaged in what may be a life or death struggle and it is incumbent upon each one of us to do everything possible to hasten a solution of the present world-wide chaos. In a final analysis life's most real warfare is not on sea or land or in the air, it is in the hearts and minds of men. It is there that the issue has to be faced, and the issue is this: Shall we seek after spiritual or material values? Shall we acknowledge the Sovereignty of God, or go on rebelling against Him? It is the way in which you and I answer this question that will hasten or delay the final victory.

Where do you stand? The Bible calls us back to God—He is our "refuge and strength." If you will make a habit of reading the Bible a few minutes every day, not casually as a lesson to be got through, but with as much intelligence as you give to your morning newspaper, you will be surprised what a practical difference it will make to your life, to your outlook on life, and to those amongst whom you live. In this way you will make the coming of peace more possible and you will find you have a chart and compass by which you can confidently face whatever the future may bring.

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FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 18, 1869

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A Mayfair Notebook

By PHILINE

London, Oct. 28.

London still stands for home in the minds of thousands of young evacuees, no matter how happily they appear to have settled down in their war-time country billets. And to London their homing thoughts will fly so long as beloved parents and friends remain in the capital.

How well our Queen understands the pangs of homesickness many children are suffering these days, pangs which grow deeper as the Christmas season approaches! Visiting the Windsor head-quarters of the Air Raid Precautions the other day, Her Majesty's first thought was for the town's evacuees. Told that some of the smaller children longed to return, she replied sympathetically, "I know, my children always like to be with the King and me."

Doubtless she was reminded as she spoke of those letters she had been receiving from the Princesses begging to be allowed to come south and join their parents for Christmas. They have been in Scotland since the outbreak of war. There is a chance that the Royal family will be re-united shortly at Royal Lodge, where the King and Queen may resume their week-end visits.

The Princesses hope that the reunion may take place here and not at Windsor Castle, as has been suggested. For the Castle, in their opinion, is a draughty place and not nearly as warm and home-like as the Lodge. On the other hand, the Lodge does not provide so much safety in case of an air raid.

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Red Cross Over No. 3, Belgrave Square

In many cases, London children long for homes which do not exist any more. Fortunately, perhaps, the Duke and Duchess of Kent's son and daughter are still too young to feel sentimental about No. 3, Belgrave Square, which was their London home until a few weeks ago. If they were to return now, it is doubtful whether they would recognise the house. A Red Cross flies from the balcony today. Up the staircase and through the rooms where the Duke and Duchess once entertained their guests, go the dark uniforms of the V.A.D. and the dove grey dress of the Order of St. John.

There are an army of typists in the cream-walled rooms where Prince Edward and Princess Alexandra played and slept; business-like desks and office chairs have been placed in the great entrance hall, with its black and white marble floor. The dining-room, scene of many brilliant parties, has been turned into a post-office; long rows of filing cabinets stand in an alcove of the Duchess's bedroom; and her beautiful bathroom, with its black and silver bath and long mirrors carved to resemble fountains, holds a store of—umbrellas.

"These were the Duchess's dress cupboards," I was told as a smartly uniformed nurse opened some doors on the landing outside and showed me shelves stacked with packets of forms, envelopes, and rolls of typewriter ribbons.

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A Shabby Carpet

Still, there remains in this Royal home souvenirs of its domesticated past. Old bits of furniture—a shabby, stained carpet, odd chairs—have been forgotten or deliberately over-looked in the move. The small wooden gate at the top of a flight of stairs, that once guarded the entrance to the nursery suite, has been taken off its hinges and cast aside to lean forlorn and forgotten against a wall. Overlooking the yard at the back of the house there is a row of geraniums in a box on the sill.

None of these things will be of much use to the Kents when they return to No. 3, Belgrave Square. The shabby carpet will be worn to shreds; the children will have outgrown the need of a nursery gate, and the geraniums are already dead. But some of them may serve to remind the family that here was home. It will be home again, we hope, before long.

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War-Time Christmas Presents

Christmas cards, which shops are now displaying in as large numbers as usual, were, of course, designed before the outbreak of war. But their messages of goodwill and hopes for peace on earth are as acceptable as ever they were. So are the plum puddings on which British housewives are getting busy, with the aid of economical war-time recipes.

When it comes to this year's Christmas presents, however, one finds that present-day needs are a little different from the needs of the majority of us in December of 1938. Many gifts, now on view, would not have been thought of a year ago. Yet these promise to be the most popular. I have seen several novel and excellent ideas for gifts to send either for Christmas or as parting gifts for friends joining up.

One, which would do either for a man or woman friend, was a little writing pad in a leather case. At the top a tiny electric bulb lit up when the pencil was pulled out of its small niche. For a woman a small zip-fastened pigskin bag contained emergency sewing materials as well as scissors and thimble. Also for a woman was a small, flat, but very efficient little clothes brush. Women in the Services must always be spick and span, and this small aid could slip in the pocket.

Books are in the forefront of popular Christmas presents, and one which is sure of a good sale is "The Queen's Book of the Red Cross." The Queen has consented to sponsor this Royal Gift Book in aid of the Duke of Gloucester's appeal for Red Cross Funds, and all profits from the sale are to be devoted to this fund. Poems, stories and characteristic contributions have been promised by the Poet Laureate, Sir Hugh Walpole, A. E. W. Mason, Ian Hay, and many others, including Gracie Fields.

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Recipe from Lionel Barrymore

Here is another new recipe for your cookery book. It comes to us from Hollywood, and it is a favourite dish of Lionel Barrymore. Mr. Barrymore calls the dish "Olive Eggs." Cut hard-boiled eggs in halves, lengthwise, remove and mash yolks. Blend in an equal amount of minced olive. Add vinegar and salt to taste, mix well and refill eggs. Cut bread with three inch cutter, toast on one side only, spread with butter and cut a small circle from the centre. Place chilled eggs in each circle. Garnish with cress. If desired a Russian dressing or mayonnaise to which a little chill sauce has been added, may be poured over the eggs.

In The Florence Nightingale Tradition

British nurses (on the right) are disembarking "somewhere in France" ready to serve their country by tending the wounded. They will be moved to the front shortly. The men in the picture are British airmen.

Order of the Eastern Star

Installation Ceremony of Chapter III: Officers for 1940

The Installation Ceremony of Shanghai Chapter No. III of the Order of the Eastern Star, took place on Wednesday evening December 13, at the American Masonic Temple, 178 Route Dufour.

The ceremony was an open one to which members of the public were invited, and some 140 people attended. The ceremony of installation of the new Worthy Matron, Sister June Hall, was very commendably performed by the outgoing Worthy Matron, Sister Edith Morgan, assisted by Past Worthy Matron Christina Wells and Past Worthy Matron Lydia Ricks, who also installed the remaining officers for the coming year.

The hall was tastefully decorated with ferns and poinsettias in keeping with the approaching holiday season, and after the ceremony all present adjourned to the Banquet Hall to partake of a supper provided by the ladies of the Chapter.

During the ceremony, the soloist for the evening, Mrs. Wm. Lyle, rendered "Trees" in a most delightful manner, assisted at the piano by Mr. George Kemp, who performed at the piano for the musical portions of the ceremony.

The officers for the year 1940 are as follows:—

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Monlay, Dec. 18.—Badminton. Social Selvice Board 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—Hospital Aid Department 9—noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 20.—Executive Meeting 9.30 a.m. Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30—11.30 a.m. and 4.45—6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21.—Packing and Dispatching Hampers. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road.

Friday, Dec. 22.—Badminton. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road.

Saturday, Dec. 23.—Badminton. Knitting 9.30—11.30 a.m.

Members interested in War Work are reminded that the Red Cross work rooms at Headquarters and at Mrs. Henchman's, will be closed on December 27, 28, and 29, and will start again on January 3.

The Knitting Section will be closed on December 27 and 30, and January 3, and will be open again on January 6. Members requiring work for the holidays must obtain it on December 20.

Badminton players intending to play on Christmas or New Year's Day must make up their own sets.

Late comers are reminded that there is still time for gifts to be sent in for the hampers. The hampers will be dispatched on December 21, and anything sent in before that date will be in time.

The Musical and Dramatic Section is arranging a classical concert to take place on January 11. An exceptionally interesting programme is promised. Tickets are $2 to include tea ($1 to members of the section).

Canada Helps

Women's War Service

Although the women of Canada are too far away to be able to engage in the active war work of the women's auxiliaries, many of them are anxious to do what they can to help women and children in Britain. They feel that, as a section of the women of the Empire, circumstances place them in a more favourable position than the women in Britain, and it is not fair for the latter to bear all the brunt without any help which they can give.

As an example of eagerness to help, says "E." in the "Manchester Guardian." I have this week received from my Canadian friend a first instalment of new clothes for my children. She wrote asking that I send by air mail a list of all the things necessary for a complete winter outfit for each of my children, herself enumerating the many items of which these outfits might consist. She is doing this, she explains, as part of her war service, and because she knows that we shall need every cent we have for food during the war scarcity. She says that they have no food rationing over there, and it is not right that they should not make some sacrifice. They have no evacuated children filling their homes, but in Toronto parties of women are already busy sewing for evacuated children in England.

The interest in subjects relating to the war is full of characteristic Canadian eagerness. Immediately war was declared, groups of women congregated in one another's homes to take Red Cross V.A.D. lectures, and money subscriptions for this work are also forth-coming. Entertaining a survivor from the Athenia provoked more discussion and gave further reasons for efforts to alleviate suffering caused in a war which is equally theirs as ours. The soldiers are not forgotten and, as in the last war, Canadian women are busy sewing and knitting garments to be sent out to them.

Letters from this country are eagerly awaited. They have plenty of news of the war, but it is the domestic details of how we are living that they are anxious to know. How will rationing affect us: how do we manage to get about during the dark nights; are our evacuation billets satisfactory: and are we prepared in case of air raids? These are the things they want to know as they seek to share our experiences and encourage us in our difficulties.

My friend is relieved that Canada is not in immediate danger of air attack, and even the safety areas, which give a certain sense of security to people in Britain, to her seem in a perilous condition. If things get too bad, she pleads with me to take my children over to Toronto.

In Chilly Houses

Country Clothes

Paris, Oct. 8.

Evacuation tendencies are laying more and more stress on country clothes. Clothes for the evening are also bounded by the fact that everybody is living somewhere else and that there is nowhere so cold as another person's house when central heating is not the rule.

Generally speaking, the coat and dress, especially if the big coat is supplemented by a shorter one, is more useful than the suit, of which it is hard to do with a single example. While suits have the great advantage that the blouse can be changed and the sweater varied infinitely, many people do not like the close band round the waist for all day, and the dress without the coat looks better than the blouse and skirt. Variety, too, can be obtained in woollen dresses by means of scarves and belts. They can be worn with the big coat, and also with the short, thick, multicoloured coats or blouses which are now in vogue. A Creed coat is in beige and is worn with a brown wool dress, into the neck of which can be tucked a bright handkerchief. This looks well, both with the dress and with the coat, and makes a finish for both. The broad lines of the coat are emphasized by the big pockets and the pattern of the stuff. The cuffs have the same idea as the pocket flaps. The dress, being buttoned down the whole of the front, can be made as plainly as possible. The one described has overlapping seams down the whole length, which do not take away from the plain effect and which allow of a spread to the skirt. This is a pleasant change from the perpetual shirt-waist style. It will be noted that the fashion still holds for a dark dress and a lighter coat.

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A Welcome Return

The return of Lady Clark Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador, to Shanghai after an extended holiday, is a very welcome one. She has already embarked upon her social duties which, in this time of many good causes calling for assistance, will make heavy demands upon her this winter.

Black and White

Black and white checks, some of them very big, are also seen for country clothes. They look smart with a black corduroy jacket just covering the hips. A red belt can be worn with them. Where a little chemisette is worn, it should be as dead white as possible. A black and white checked skirt, made with a flare, or pleated, looks very smart worn with a dead white shirt of wool and a black velveteen or corduroy jacket. White bouclé sweaters with a bow in front or a jabot of the knitting also make a good whole.

This season sharp contrasts are noted in tweeds. There are blacks, blues, and whites, used together with a clean-cutting effect. Some of the skirts are made of these and they are worn with jackets in one of the colours. Skirts are mostly cut with pleats or flares. Flares with overlapping seams look smart. Some of them have the overlapping seam halfway down and are then plain. This gives a good deal of spring to the skirt. Red and blue tweeds with a faint yellow stripe add liveliness to the landscape—there is, indeed, no reason at all to choose a dull tweed today. Tweed frocks are made to go with plain coats, and some of these are very smart as well as being comfortably warm. Some are made with diagonal tucks across the bodice and the skirt has a flare.

Velvet Decision

For evenings everyone has decided on velvet—usually velvet with long, close sleeves or voluminous bishop sleeves and a small cut-out neck. Some people like velvet high to the neck with a small dip at the back. These long, velvet dresses in all the deep colours have a mediæval appearance, especially when they have long, hanging sleeves. The smartest, however, usually prefer the close fit with a fairly close fit round the waist as well. The gayer evening dresses add some ornamentation to black. There are black velvets with hip panels which make the figure look more slender than it really is, and these sometimes have gold embroidered boleros to brighten them. Slim dresses are made of black and white jersey, usually close-fitting with a good deal of swathing. After the first excitement and a tendency to neglect clothes altogether, people find a certain relaxation in making something of evening clothes.

A. W. C.

Members of the American Women' Club are reminded of the Christma Programme which will be rendere tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon in th Club Rooms, 577 Bubbling Wel Road, at 4.45 p.m. A most attractive selection of Christmas plays and music will be performed, the programme being particularly appropriate for children.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Tung Hwa Vanquished by Aggressive School XI

Cochran Scores Three of Winners' Four Goals in Beating Chinese 4-2

DEFEATING Tung Hwa by a score of 4-2 at the Canidrome yesterday morning, Public and Thomas Hanbury School succeeded in making a second jump in the S.F.A. League standing. The Chinese played a poor game, partly because L. K. Tai, the veteran centre-forward, was unable to turn out. The first half was quite even, ending in a 2-all deadlock, but in the second period the school representatives controlled most of the play. Cochran, the centre-forward who missed a penalty in the early stages, redeemed himself by scoring three of the four School goals. This put the score to a tie at the interval and then after Leriou broke the deadlock he scored a fourth one.

The teams were:—

P.T.H.: — Schneirson, Katamopoulis, Logan, Caro, Leriou, Kwei, Novgorodoff, MacCorkindale, Cochran, Kidby, Passikides.

TUNG HWA:—P. K. Zing, H. K. Chen, Eugene Chong, Z. K. Sze, S. M. Tsai, H. V. Woo, T. V. Lo, T. Van, P. H. Woo, P. T. Kao, Y. L. Chia.

Narrow Escape

The Chinese were quick to settle down. A few minutes after the kick-off Schneirson had a narrow escape from a pretty centre from Lo on the left flank. The School goalie stopped the shot, but could not hold it. Woo rushed forward and tried to bundle it into the net, but was pulled up for fouling the keeper.

Shortly afterwards, Chia cut in towards the middle to receive another fine centre from the outside-left and directed a hard low shot. Leriou stopped it and then Kwei came to his rescue, kicking the ball to the side of the field.

The School team attacked. The ball was confined to Tung Hwa's back area for sometime, but there was no one to do the scoring. Cochran was fouled upon by Woo and Chong within the dreaded area. Taking the 12-yard kick, Cochran drove to the wrong side of the right-hand post. The mistake brought bad luck as a few moments later, in the 11th minute, Schneirson allowed Lo's looping shot to slip through his hands.

Tung Hwa missed a glorious chance to go ahead when Kao slammed past the upright after having Katamopoulos beaten. On the other end the ultimate winners also missed a fine opportunity.

In the 18th minute Logan was penalized for pushing Woo near the goal-mouth. Lo took the spot kick and converted. Tung Hwa now led by two clear goals.

Fast Shot Scores

The School team fought hard gradually to get the upperhand in the exchanges. The break came in the 27th minute when Chen again mis-kicked. This time Cochran made no mistake to send a fast one past Zing. About ten minutes later the same player ran towards the right of the goal and beat the keeper with a pretty oblique shot to force a tie.

The 5-minute respite put Tung Hwa completely off their stride. The School eleven jumped off to a flying start and kept the ball in the Chinese territory. Several scrimmages took place in front of the goal. Cochran missed a good chance, but later on in the 6th minute he tried a hard long shot for Zing to tip over the cross-bar at the expense of a corner from which Leriou scored to break the deadlock.

In the middle of the period Tsai, the Chinese centre-half, was sent off the field by Referee Sinclair for rough play. With only ten men playing, Tung Hwa were kept squarely on the defensive. Schneirson had nothing to do in goal. In the 28th minute the winners made victory safe when Cochran, receiving a timely pass from Novgorodoff, dribbled past Chen and beat Zing with a pile-driver.

Recs Defeat Police By Single Goal

England Does Hat Trick For Winners; Lawmen Have Yet to Win a Game

Showing distinct superiority, the Shanghai Recreation Club handed the S. M. Police a seventh successive defeat in the S.F.A. League yesterday afternoon on the Race Course by the odd goal in seven. The Recs lost an early goal, but came back to pile up a 4-1 advantage before allowing their opponents to cut the margin down to 4-3 in the last five minutes.

Symons, who pulled a leg muscle in a practice during the week, was unable to wear the Recs' colours while on the Police side Westwood did not show up. Both teams lacked finish. In the second half when the wind was behind them, the winners missed a number of scoring opportunities. The Police defenders elected to pack the goal and the scheme seemed to work very well against a set of forwards who showed poor shooting ability.

Willie Ward in the Police goal was his usual self for he handled a number of shots without making any mistake. He was not given adequate support from his teammates who, although they played very hard, were sometimes too slow to effect clearances and the four goals scored against them were the result of poor coverage.

The forward line on the losing side lacked cohesion and the failure of making use of the two wingers was partly responsible for the Recs' defenders having quite an easy time. Mingozzi and Bulldeath were the best men in the rear as they were in almost every play.

S.R.C.:—Mousastikoff, Mingozzi, Jack, Oppenheim, Bulldeath, Hart-Baker, Favacho, Kapustin, England, Madar, Aldeguer.

POLICE:—Ward, Victal, Stangaard, McAloon, Bader, Simpson, Chooklantzeff, Rimmer, Duffy, Crook, Roliz.

Rimmer Scores

Rimmer scored the first goal of the game in the 5th minute from a fine corner kick taken by Roliz. Jack, in an attempt to clear a dangerous situation, deflected the ball over the touch-line. Rimmer made full use of Roliz's fine kick and headed past the Recs' goalie. The Police kept on pressing for more than ten minutes, but none of the men in the front row was able to shoot properly. Chooklantzeff was practically starved on the right flank as the inside forwards chose to feed Roliz with the ball.

From a good clearance by Bulldeath in the 25th minute, Aldeguer got hold of the ball and passed forward for Kapustin to dribble past both Victal and Bader. The raider then had no difficulty to beat Ward with a fast one and put the score at 1-all.

Duffy was to blame for failing to score at least once when he had all opposition beaten, but tapped weakly and saw the ball roll wide. Following that, some fine play between Madar and Aldeguer uput Favacho on the spot. The right winger slammed a grounder which missed the left-hand post by a scant foot or two.

The Recs began to dominate and had most of the play. However, it was not until three minutes before the intermission that the team took the lead through England. Mingozzi started the work by taking the ball from Roliz and passed to Oppenheim. The latter dribbled past Simpson and gave to Favacho, who in turn pushed the ball upfield for England to dash goalwards and drive past the Police keeper.

Police Make Good Stand

After the resumption the Recs had the advantage of the wind. The trailers, however, put up a determined stand and kept their goal intact. Breaking away in the 15th minute, the Police defence was caught napping. Kapustin sent the ball forward for England to turn on the heat and repeat the performance in the last five minutes of the preceding period, placing his shot well out of the keeper's reach.

The Police almost reduced arrears when Chooklantzeff's free kick just outside the penalty area hit the cross-bar. In the 25th minute England performed a hat-trick. From a sending from the right, the youthful centre beat the advancing Ward and converted into an open goal for a 4-1 lead.

Play deteriorated as the Recs grew indifferent. A number of chances were wasted in front of the Police goal. In the 40th minute the losers scored a surprise goal through McAloon. Chooklantzeff broke loose and took a long shot. The Recs goalie went to his knees, effecting a partial clearance for McAloon to follow the play up and convert. Three minutes later Chocklantzeff figured in exactly the same play which saw Roliz turn Movsastikoff's poor clearance into the net, ending the day's scoring with a margin of 4-3.

Soccer Results Here At a Glance

The results of football matches played in Shanghai yesterday were as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

P.T.H. 4, Tung Hwa 2
Recs 4, Police 3

RESERVE DIVISION

P.T.H. 2, Surreys 2

SECOND DIVISION

Ching Hwa 5, Russian Regt. 3

JUNIOR CUP

3 Cultures 4, Russian Club 1
Hotspurs 3, Oarsmen 1

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

"A" Company Shoot at Rifle Range

A scene at yesterday's shoot held at the Rifle Range.

Hockey Club's Persistent Attacks Conquer United

Pote-Hunt Drives in Winning Shot Late in Last Half to Break Tie in Season's Best Match

RALLYING in the last fifteen minutes with determined efforts, the Shanghai Hockey Club "A" defeated the United Hockey Club "A" in the season's most interesting hockey match at the Race Course yesterday afternoon by the odd goal in seven. The winners took an early lead of two clear goals, but they lost it in the middle of the second half. However, Capt. Cole and J. W. Pote-Hunt came strongly back during the remaining stages and scored a goal each to turn defeat into victory.

It was a game between the winners' attack and the losers' defence. The combination of L. G. Shellam, Cole and Pote-Hunt always proves dangerous and, with the fine support of L. M. M. Parlett on the left and F. L. Dobbs on the right, the whole line showed practically no weakness. Dobbs was responsible for the first goal while Cole drove home the second. For the United "A" side, Kermani scored the first and third ones while the other one was registered by Pate.

The teams were as follows:—

S.H.C. "A":—W. J. Silvey; J. S. Kenyon, H. A. Crickmer; G. H. Dickson, M. W. Turner, B. K. Walface; L. M. M. Parlett, L. G. Shellam, J. R. Cole, J. W. Pote-Hunt, F. L. Dobbs.

UNITED "A":—J. P. Jones; S. A. Collaco, K. M. Pate (Capt.); A. G. Yourieff, L. Oliveira, E. V. Chanturai; R. C. Murray; S. P. Karanjia, F. R. Kermani, Canavarro, H. Bojesen.

Fast Pace

The game started at a fast pace which saw the ball travel up and down the field rapidly. The Hockey Club were more aggressive, but it was the United eleven who played with greater speed. The absence of H. Waldmann was noticeable when the forwards had reached the circle as there was not a strong shooter among them.

In the 12th minute, Dobbs drew first blood after receiving a fine pass from Pote-Hunt. The latter carried the ball from midfield and then worked his way through to send it over to Dobbs. It was a difficult shot which goalkeeper Jones had no means to stop.

The fact that Dobbs was doing a fine job on the right flank was further indicated when he helped Cole to notch up a second goal in the 18th minute. The Club centre displayed uncanny marksmanship by scoring a long one from the edge of the circle.

Margin Slashed

Having established a 2-goal lead, the Clubs forwards relaxed slightly to enable the United to take up pressure. Pate and Collaco time after time made good clearances. Murray, Karanjia and Kermani combined well to give the Club defenders plenty of trouble. In the 28th minute the margin was slashed to 2-1 when Kermani took a pretty reverse flick and slammed past Silvey from an acute angle. Two minutes before the end of the half, Pate scored from a short corner play to put the two teams on even terms.

Upon the resumption the leaders dominated the play again. The United defenders had a busy time. Jones had to thank Pate and Collaco for their great work in robbing the opposing inside-forwards of the ball on many occasions. Towards the middle of the session the tide of battle gradually changed. Instead of being pinned to defensive play, the United forwards succeeded in making promising raids into the Club territory. From a fine centre from Murray in the 18th minute Kermani beat Silvey with a first-timer to win the lead for the first time.

Winning Shot

Refusing to admit defeat, the ultimate victors kept on trying and, from a scramble in the 26th minute, Cole received help from Pote-Hunt to put the score in a second tie at 3-all. The Club continued to press, forcing several corners taken on the right side. A passing attack between the three inside-forwards saw Pote-Hunt drive a fast low shot past Jones at point-blank and win the contest for his team.

In the two games in the "B" Division the second-stringers of the Hockey Club fell victims at the hands of the Seaforths "B" by four clear goals while the Jewish Recreation Club also scored a shutout victory over the United "C" by ten goals to nothing.

England-Wales Beat Scotland-Ireland

Richmond, Dec. 17.

In the first Rugby football international match to be played at Richmond for thirty years, a combined England and Wales team defeated a Scotland-Ireland side 17-3, after a half-time score of 6-0. Proceeds were for the benefit of the Red Cross and the teams, chosen entirely from the Services, included 28 international players. Four thousand people watched an interesting game, in which the Anglo-Welsh combination showed superiority in all departments except at full-back. Foundation for success was laid in the scrums, in which the Welsh international Travers hooked brilliantly. The three-quarters also shone both as a combination and individually. —Reuter.

League Action in Badminton League To Commence This Evening

Play to Take Place Three Nights a Week During Coming Months; No Conflict with Squash

With fifteen teams participating, the local badminton league is to get under way this evening when the opening matches in the Men's Doubles are played. It was decided by the Shanghai Badminton Association to run only three divisions this year, dropping the Men's Junior Doubles owing to the lack of teams, and play will take place three times a week as follows:—Men's Doubles on Mondays; Ladies' Doubles on Tuesdays; and Mixed Doubles on Fridays. It will be noticed that these playing dates do not conflict with the Squash Rackets League.

The complete entries in the League are as follows:—

MEN'S DOUBLES

Two teams from the French Club. One each from the Country Club, Union Church, St. John's University and Sokol.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Two teams from the Country Club. One each from the French Club and Union Church.

MIXED DOUBLES

Two teams from the Country Club. One each from the French Club, Union Church and Sokol.

Ready Response

In the Men's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles, two rounds will be played, but owing to the fact that there are only four teams in the Ladies' Doubles, three rounds will be played in this latter section. On the whole, the badminton league has met with ready response this season despite the difficult times at present, the new entry of Sokol being especially welcome, as is the return of St. John's University to the competition. It is to be regretted, however, that two former enthusiastic clubs have found themselves unable to participate this year; these teams are the Clube Lusitano and the Swiss Club.

The club which is hardest hit through loss of players is the Union Church which will be unable to call on the services of H. C. Eardley and his sister, Decima Eardley. These two players were the leading members of the Union Church last year but left for Hongkong recently. It will be long remembered that Eardley was an all-round champion and one of the foremost players ever to be seen on Shanghai courts. Miss Eardley has also starred in her own right, having held at one time or another, the Ladies' Single Championship, the Ladies' Doubles and the Mixed Doubles.

The Union Church team will not be entirely crippled, however, as the two reliable brothers, G. D. Chelmis and N. D. Chelmis, will once again be in the thick of the competition. The club has been reinforced by the return G. G. Clarke from Tientsin, and Miss M. Ballingall is a valuable acquisition for the Ladies' and Mixed Doubles.

French Club Strong

The most powerful entry in the Men's Doubles seems to be the French Club, but with their strength split into two teams, they may give the other clubs a chance. They still have the services of four of their best players from last year, these being A. G. Meise, J. Berents, J. G. Forbes and J. S. Flood. While not too impressive in the Ladies' Doubles, the French Club should be able to hold their own in the Mixed Doubles with the help of the men players.

The Country Club's entry in the Men's Doubles shows that they possess stronger players than they have had for some years past and they should be able to give account of themselves. The Country Club's chances, however, are brightest in the Ladies' Doubles and the Mixed Doubles, where their leading lady players are outstanding as in former years.

Rugby Union Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 16.

The following are the results of Rugby Union matches played today:—

Guy's Hospital 16, Wasps 8
Harlequins 8, Army Fifteen 10
Old Paulines 5, London Irish Welsh 13
Rosslyn Park 28, St. Part's Hospital 3
Aberavon 6, Swansea 8
Bedford 15, Northampton 0
Bristot 28, Army Fifteen 0
Cardiff 40, Crosskeys 5
Coventry 8, Moseley 8
Ebb Vale 6, Newport 8
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Llanelly 3, Neath 3
Torquay 15, Army Fifteen 6
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Marines Roll Up 54 Points In Trouncing Details

Tries Scored with Monotonous Regularity But Absence of Orthodox Rugby Deplored

FIELDING their first XV, the United States Marines had not the slightest difficulty in defeating a rather weak Area Details side at the Race Course yesterday, romping home by the season's largesst score, recording no less than 54 points (six goals, one penalty goal and seven tries) against nil. As the score of course indicates there was only one team in the picture and that, of course, was the Americans. They did everything they pleased and the manner in which they crossed the Details' line was distinctly monotonous. But good as they were, their type of play was not rugby, that is, not the accepted English style of rugby, and their huge win will do them not the slightest good. The Americans need keen practice and matches of this type are not going to help them develop the good material at their disposal.

As it was yesterday, they just walked through the Details at will, employing American football tactics which were considerably helped by downright rotten tackling on the part of the Tommies. It must be said, however, that no less than six of the losers are new to the handling code and to meet a side that has already established a reputation for itself must have come as rather a shock. This in no way detracts from the Marine victory. All the Marines were good. More praise cannot be given, but it must be emphasized that such defeats do neither the winners nor the losers any good.

Best Men on Field

The best men on the field, strangely enough, were Evans and Hewetson of the Details who played in a manner that stamped them as great rugger players. They played rugby and with Hamlen, who had a terrible afternoon in endeavouring to stave off one attack after another, prevented the Marines from reaching three figures.

The Marine outsides were well together and for a change were passing the ball when moving at speed, but their use of un-rugby tactics still will not stand them in good stead when opposed by a good XV.

U.S. MARINES 1ST XV:—Malaro; Walker, Barker, Nicolai, Betterridge; Davis, Blondin; Morton, Drew, Atkins, Duhovovitch, Connolly, Juracko, Bixler and Squires.

AREA DETAILS:—Hamlen; Ward, Maclagan, Rankine, Croall; Hewetson, Shakespeare; Jones, Grainger, Russell, Searles, Faulkner, Newton, Evans and Crew.

Referee: Mr. W. H. B. Rigg.

First Try in Three Minutes

After three minutes Betteridge went over far out after a long run that took him past four defenders. Davis failed. The Details then pressed and were distinctly unlucky not to have gone over, but the aggressive tactics of the Marines soon pushed them back and in nine minutes Blondin scored another unconverted try after Bixler had done the donkey-work. Blondin scored again under the posts after a short burst a little later and Davis added the extra points. Before the interval Betteridge and Barker secured further tries as the result of good play while Davis landed a penalty goal from a kick under the posts.

In the second period, the Marines ran riot and quickly indicated their superiority. Bixler went over in the first two minutes for Walker to convert, while Morton added more points from a scrimmage a few minutes later for Davis to add two further points.

Points then came at regular intervals, Nicolai Barker, Betteridge, Bixler, Barker and Bixler going over before the finish for Davis to convert Betteridge's and both of Bixler's efforts.

Seaforths Prove Opportunists

Club Second XV Beaten By Rally; Fine Dropped Goal by Riley

Six points behind at one stage of the proceedings, the Seaforth Highlanders 2nd XV at the Race Course yesterday afternoon overcame this deficit with ease before the end of a rugger game with the Club 2nd side and defeated their opponents by twelve points (one goal, one dropped goal and a try) to six (two tries). The Scots well deserved their victory, for they took the fullest advantage of the chances that came their way, whereas the civilians, offered one opportunity after another, frittered away their chances in poor fashion.

In the first half the Club had by far the better of the play and better handling would have placed them in an impregnable position but dropped passes told the inevitable tale. Early in the second half the Club were still to the fore, but the Scots, unleashing one attack after another, gradually outfought their rivals to win a close and keenly contested encounter.

Clever Dropped Goal

Riley, the Jocks' stand-off, sewed up the match with a dropped goal that was cleverly taken from a most acute angle. He did the same thing last week and must now be considered a menace when placed in possession when inside his opponents' 25.

The game was fought at fast pace throughout and though it was quite open, good movements among the outsides were few and far between, poor handling spoiling most attempts to get moving. Thomas did well for the Club, but even he was occasionally inclined to be wild with his passes.

SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS 2ND XV:—Moody, Cowan, Wincup, Lawrie, Rowberry, Riley, Bamford, Bland, Veasey, Copeland, Cookson, Barker, Miller, Duffy and McPhee.

CLUB 2ND XV:—J. L. R. Mair; L. S. Tomashevsky, R. S. L. Frewen, A. Thomas, R. G. Sayle; W. V. K. Chadwick, B. A. St. Louis; W. P. Hetherington, J. W. Chapman, L. D. M. Beattie, J. R. Blaikie, G. H. Reynolds, D. M. Wheeler, G. L. Hinds, C. H. Hodgman.

Referee: Mr. W. D. Richmond.

Thomas Cuts Through

After the Club had attacked without a moment's respite from the kick-off, Thomas cut through in three minutes and placed the ball near the posts for the opening try. The same player failed with the ensuing kick.

The Club were still to the fore in the play which followed and several opportunities came their way of increasing the score, but poor handling, coupled with good defensive measures adopted by the Scots, kept them out until the 15th minute when Tomashevsky plunged over the line following a series of scrimmages on the Seaforths' line. Mair's kick did not succeed.

The Scots then did better and with the pack fighting hard, the Club were hard pressed to keep them out. They managed to keep their line intact almost to the interval but three minutes before, Bland went over after a loose scrum to reduce the deficit. Moody narrowly missed with the ensuing kick.

Mid-Field Rushes

The second half was not prominent for any particular good play and the first fifteen minutes were mainly taken up, with mid-field rushes with neither side gaining any advantage. The Seaforths finally took the ball to the Club line and after pressing for a few minutes, Whincup paved the way for a Scottish try and Moody made no mistake with the kick to place the Highlanders ahead. Playing up better than ever, the Jocks applied pressure and before the close Riley was able to increase the lead by dropping a splendid goal which smashed any hope that the Club had of resnatching the lead.

Marines Score Tries Again and Again

Police Defeated in Rugby Match at Race Course

In a practice rugby game at the Race Course Saturday, A. U. S. Marines XV easily defeated the Police, scoring 28 points (six tries and two goals) without reply. The Marines, whose team was composed of tested and new exponents, had no difficulty in overcoming their opponents and were on top throughout. The game was held in the nature of a trial and though the Americans were far better than their adversaries the encounter served its purpose in that it allowed some of those participating to learn one or two more points about the handling code, Mr. D. W. Leach, who refereed the game, taking the opportunity of explaining when and why certain mistakes had been made.

Davis and Bixler performed excellently for the Marines, the former's kicking and running being very notable, while the latter of course, was in his element in those long "bull-like" runs for which he is now noted.

The game was played at a fast pace throughout and though it tended to be scrappy, the Marines did not take long in showing their superiority, scoring try after try with monotonous frequency.

The game came to end after the Americans had crossed their opponents' line eight time for tries, two of which were converted.

Recent Soccer Notes From England

Tottenham Hotspur claimed the highest total with eight goals against two by Watford in a stirring match at While Hart Lane. Bennett, a local youngster from Wood Green, playing for the first time for the Spurs, got three goals. Medley equalled this performance, and two well-known men, Morrison and Barnett, completed the aggregate of ten goals.

There were many hat-tricks. Reeve got three for Grimsby; Higham did the same for Blackburn—and missed a penalty. Dodds was the hat-trick man for Blackpool, so was R. Beattie for Preston (a beautiful game he played); the Arsenal's Drury, turning out for Nottingham Forest, got three good ones. Then there was Shankly's three for Clapton against Southend and Falkirk's Keyes against Kings Park.

Injuries fortunately were not too numerous. At Chesterfield Sheffield Wednesday lost Robinson, their inside left, which sadly cramped their style.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Looking Ready for Trouble

Cpl. Cahusac and his section operating a Lewis gun at yesterday's shoot at the Range.

Intentions of Joe Louis Stated

Five or Six Lucrative Bouts and Retirement As Unbeaten Champion

By Henry McLemore

New York, Dec. 8.

"Chappie will fight five or six more times and then retire undefeated."

Jack Blackburn, the animated razor scar who trains Joe Louis, chose a particularly thoughtful time to thus announce the future plans of the heavyweight boxing champion. At least, so it seems to me. With the world in the chaotic condition it is right now, it should be comforting to know that there is at least one man wholly undisturbed by the present and completely without alarm for the future.

Joe Louis, I mean. Kings and Queens burn midnight oil to save their countries. Dictators froth. Statesmen steel themselves and their peoples for a war of nerves. But Louis, with a closetful of bright suits and brighter shoes, with money in the bank, and power in his fists, can't bother to pay any mind.

Fists Grow on Cotton Balls

All the rest of the world may be unsure of itself, uncertain of what is going to happen, but not Joe. The former field hand whose fists developed into steel from picking the soft cotton bolls, has pierced the mists that lie ahead and found the outlook pleasing.

Arturo Godoy. Patrick Comiskey. Bob Pastor. Tony Galento. Max Schmeling. Tommy Farr. Billy Conn. From these men must come all his fights in the future, so it is no wonder that Blackburn flatly states that Joe will fight them and then retire undefeated. No other heavy-weight champion has even outlined his future so far in advance, because none has ever been so sure of what he could accomplish as Louis.

The only thing doubtful about the Louis fights of the next few months is how much each one will enrich the Bomber. Godoy, a South American who didn't have any trouble getting through the neutrality belt because he isn't properly a belligerent, won't be around long enough for the crowd to catch his full name.

Runaway From Ripley's

Galento—and speaking of that runaway from Ripley's Odditorium, what has happened to him of late? Can it be that his eyes are so bad that Joe Jacob is keeping him under cover. Let's hope not, but when and if he gets back in there with Louis the result won't be pleasant.

The chances of Farr and Schmeling being excused from the war to come over and fatten their purses are meagre, indeed. I grant you they would be in just as much danger as they would be at home, but I don't believe either Hitler or Churchill is in a mood to talk contracts and percentages with promoter Mike Jacobs. Not right now, anyway.

Pastor will always give Louis a good fight because he is fast and smart, but even if he lives to see the day when his manager, Jimmy Johnston, stops talking long enough to observe their brief silence of Armistice Day, he won't whip the Bomber.

Comiskey has a chance. Not much of a one, mind you, but he has a punch that needs only to land once to knock what it lands on colder than icebox salad. As for Conn-well, we've already said what would happen to that graceful, charming boy if he ever crawled inside those ropes with Joe. If Billy does make that bout I hereby request the recuperating rights. They'd be worth something. —United Press.

Rugby League Results

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 16.

The following are the results of matches played today in the Rugby League:—

LANCASHIRE

Barrow 18, Wigan 14
Broughton 0, Oldham 18
Liverpool 0, Swinton 26
Salford 17, Widnes 3
Warrington 8, St. Helens 6
Leigh *v.* Rochdale postponed.

YORKSHIRE

Bradford 23, Hunslet 14
Bramley 8, Featherstone 10
Castleford 20, Batley 10
Dewsbury 19, Keighley 8
Huddersfield 22, York 10
Hull Kingston 13, Wakefield 8
Leeds 6, Hall 23.—Reuter.

Coach Howard Jones Begins to Worry

Busy Building a "Maginot Line" Against Invaders

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.

Coach Howard Jones, the "brains" behind the all-powerful University of Southern California's football squad, prepared today for his second consecutive Christmas season of football worry.

Coach Jones was doubly plagued yesterday by reports from his scouts that Tennessee's Volunteers might possibly spoil U.S.C.'s perfect Rose Bowl record on New Year's Day.

While the Southern California Trojans ended their week's rest today and readied themselves for hard practice on Monday, Coach Jones gathered his board of strategy about him for the purpose of building a "Maginot Line" against the Vols powerful running attack.—United Press.

Manila Welcomes Jack Dempsey

Great Excitement as He Strides Towards Crowd Carrying the Midget

Manila, Dec. 17.

More than 2,000 excited Jack Dempsey fans welcomed the Manassa Mauler when he stepped from the China Clipper here this afternoon.

The mob that had been waiting for the Clipper's arrival for a half hour broke the police lines, shouting welcomes in what was probably the most enthusiastic spontaneous reception a Manila visitor has received this year.

Dempsey flew to Manila to referee the fight between Ceferino Garcia, the Filipino boy who is recognized as world middleweight champion by the New York Boxing Commission, and Glen Lee, Nebraska middleweight. The fight which will be held on December 23, is billed as a world championship bout.

Dempsey's Showmanship

The crowd was silent when the former world heavy-weight champ walked off the Clipper, but, displaying his genius for showmanship, Dempsey picked up Venancio Umaging, the midget whom promoter Jes Cortes appointed as the Mauler's "bodyguard," and carried him on his shoulders to the waiting crowd, which hugely enjoyed the sight.

Dempsey, unshaven and tired from his long flight, immediately entered into the spirit of the "festival" and told the crowd "I'm certainly happy to find myself in Manila after that eight-day delay in San Francisco. This is my first visit to the Far East and I'm going to enjoy myself."

Polo Player Arrives Too

The Manassa Mauler told the United Press that he was not certain whether he will leave for Hongkong tomorrow on the clipper. Pan-America Airways revealed that Dempsey had booked a passage to Hongkong, but Mr. Cortes assured the press that Dempsey would remain in Manila "because we can't take the chance that he will again be delayed."

Sports fans also welcomed Earl Hopping, internationally known polo star who arrived in Manila for the opening of the polo season. It was noted, however, that even polo fans deserted Hopping to watch Dempsey's welcome.—United Press.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Moody Mask; 2, Snow Dale.
Also ran:—Sir Sewu, Erin Hero, Lucky Jim, Master Bill.
2½ lengths.—Time, 18.02.
Win, $65.70. Forecast (3-2) Div. $325.50.
Place, 1st $29.50; 2nd $14.20.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Reveille; 2, Banque Eve.
Also ran:—Jack O'Lantern, Luss Wave, Old Joker, Harvard.
A neck.—Time, 27.46.
Win, $32.50. Forecast (1-4) Div. $201.80.
Place, 1st $19.40; 2nd $10.80.
Double Event 1/2 (3-1) Div. $173.60.

3—440 yd. flat.—1 D.H., Stormy Petrel and Candid Answer.
Also ran:—Real Wizard, Expansion, Mr. Chips, Outlaw.
Dead heat.—Time, 26.94.
Win, $14.20 and $7.60. Forecast (4-6 and 6-4) Div. $65.30 and $28.30.
Place, 1st $14.-0; 2nd $8.00.
Double Event 2/3 (1-4 and 1-6) Div. $252.00 and $21.30.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Victory II; 2, My Gal.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.27.
Win, $14.90. Forecast (6-3) Div. $55.90.
Place, 1st $11.10; 2nd $11.60.
Double Event 3/4 (4-6 and 6-6) Div. $24.90 and $6.20.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Aramis; 2, Erin Beau.
A neck.—Time ,36.48.
Win, $24.90. Forecast (4-3) Div. $59.80.
Place, 1st $11.10; 2nd $7.10.
Double Event 4/5 (6-4) Div. $27.50.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Hopalong; 2, Valencia.
1 length.—Time, 29.69.
Win, ..20. Forecast (3-4) Div $23.20.
Place, 1st $3.90; 2nd $11.80.
Double Event 5/6 (4-3) Div. $25.90.

7—500 yd. flat., 1939 Autumn Puppy Champions (Heat I).—1, Ocean Beauty; 2, Chez Maurice.
2½ lengths.—Time, 29.84.
Win, $63.00. Forecast (4-3) Div. $687.00.
Place, 1st $26.10; 2nd $17.80.
Double Event 6/7 (3-4) Div. $140.20.

8—500 yd. flat, 1939 Autumn Puppy Champions (Heat II).—1, Royal Navy; 2, Royal Rebel.
3 lengths.—Time, 29.46.
Win, $8.40. Forecast (5-2) Div. $44.90.
Place, 1st $7.10; 2nd $9.30.
Double Event 7/8 (4-5) Div. $153.60.

9—500 yd. flat, 1939 Autumn Puppy Champions (Heat III).—1, Old Coin; 2, Only Beauty.
2 lengths.—Time, 29.94.
Win, $29.00. Forecast (5-3) Div. $214.20.
Place, 1st $15.70; 2nd $24.10.
Double Event 8/9 (5-5) Div. $18.40.

10—525 yd. flat.—1, Sonny Beaufort; 2, Alton Arab.
1½ length.—Time, 30.21.
Win, $13.00. Forecast (5-4) Div. $59.80.
Place, 1st $9.10; 2nd $10.40.
Double Event 9/10 (5-5) Div. $31.90.

11—650 yd. flat.—1, Tinker; 2, O.I.C.
4 lengths.—Time, 38.98.
Win, $13.40. Forecast (5-2) Div. $46.40.
Place, 1st $8.00; 2nd $10.70.
Double Event 10/11 (5-5) Div. $10.40.
Cash sweep:—1st Dog No. 469; 2nd Dog No. 815; 3rd Dog No. 1366.
Unplaced:—441, 429, 1363.

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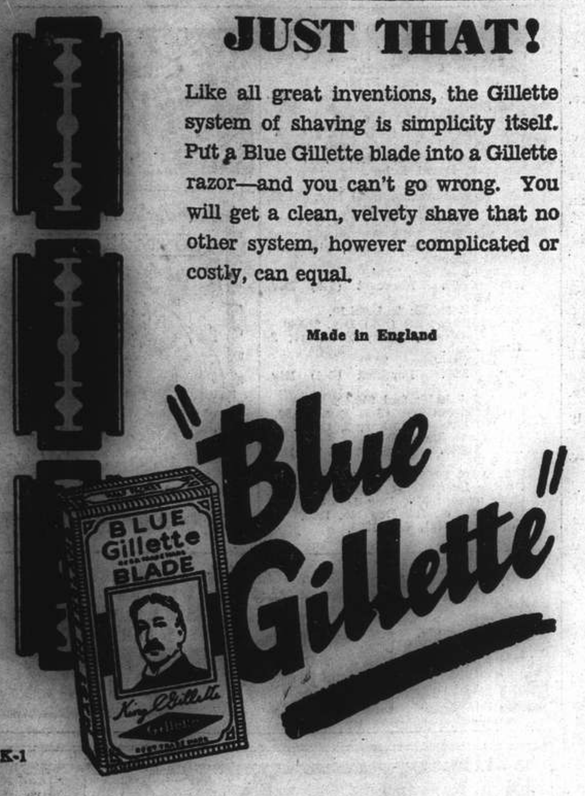

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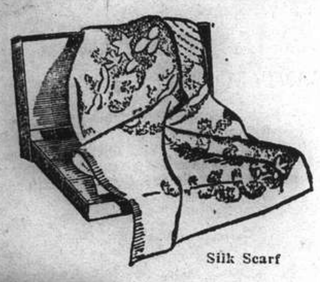

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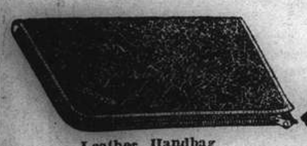

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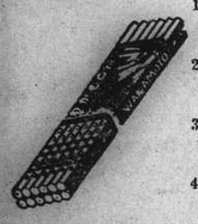

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DEATH

PINCOTT.—On December 17, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, ALICE PINCOTT, aged 38 years, beloved daughter of Mr. C. H. Bailey and the late Mrs. Annie Bailey. The funeral will take place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery on Wednesday, December 20, 1939, at 4 p.m. All friends are invited to attend.

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AN EVENTFUL WEEK

Last week was probably the most eventful since the close of the Polish campaign, though on the western front there was comparatively little to report. It was in Finland, at Geneva, and the south Atlantic, where the most stirring events occurred, and, while none of them mark much of an advance towards the conclusion of the war, save, perhaps, only by reason of the flux of time, they have all interesting, and important bearings on vexed questions. Thus in Finland the Russians, after more than two weeks' heavy fighting, have made no great headway against the Finns, who are making them pay dearly in what after all can only be the preliminary fighting before they retire into their permanent defence works, the Mannerheim Line. At most points the Finns are entrenched some distance in front of it, but from the reports it is clear that the campaign is still one of movement and has not yet degenerated into the trench warfare which marked the greater portion of the last war. As the position stands at the present time Russian forces have penetrated the eastern borders of Finland to a comparatively small distance, and Soviet gains may be likened to a narrow strip of territory running inside the eastern Finnish boundary, and probably in no place more than thirty miles deep. Attempts by the Soviet Armies in the middle of the line to turn the Mannerheim defences have so far proved very costly, and unsuccessful, and, on the balance, the whole of the week's fighting definitely favours the Finns, creating no small surprise in most European capitals, and a great amount of speculation as to what really is the fighting worth of the Soviet armies. Their performance contrasts strongly with those given in Asia last year and this, suggesting that the Siberian forces are better than those recruited and trained in European Russia, and the question is freely mooted as to whether Soviet military assistance to Germany, should it ever be given, will prove as valuable as the sponsors of the German-Soviet agreement would have the world believe. There is also the suggestion that, because of the exhibition which is being given, those German quarters which view Russo-German understandings with equanimity do so confident of German strength to wrest back what M. Stalin has grabbed, directly it becomes expedient to do so.

In Geneva the League Assembly voted for the expulsion of Soviet Russia from membership. No member state voted against the resolution, though a number refrained from voting, and instead of being carried unanimously, it is more accurate to say that it was passed *nemine dissentiente.* It was at first thought that for various reasons it would be impossible to secure the passage of such a resolution by the Assembly, and though this decision could have been taken years ago in other connections, and the League have vindicated itself much earlier than it has, the only sound opinion, which can be expressed on the matter is that, after all, it is better that the League should have acted even at this late hour than to have done nothing at all. It has often been said that had the League taken similar action in 1932 with regard to the Manchurian Incident the world might have been saved much of the suffering it has witnessed during the past seven years. That must always remain a matter of historical speculation, though supporters of the League, and all that it stands for, will be glad that even now there has been a belated vindication of the principles upon which it is based. Russia has contemptuously rejected requests and decisions of the League, and while the latter may be carried to no greater effect than they have at present achieved, the round condemnation of evil aggression stands out brightly amidst very gloomy surroundings. The League has appealed to members to give whatever assistance they can to Finland in her fight against Communism. Though not a member now, Italy marks her enmity to the Bolshevik creed by extending assistance to the Finns. Great Britain and France are doing likewise, and it may be before long that a large number of other countries will follow suit, though some, by reason of their close proximity to Russia, may cautiously refrain from doing so.

The naval action in the South Atlantic between the Admiral Graf Spee and three British cruisers, which, despite the fact that their quarry could throw much heavier metal and much farther than them, succeeded in driving the German vessel into Montevideo, has proved the most important one since the outbreak of war. Some time this morning,—there is an astonishing difference of opinion between the various news agencies as to when the time limit given by the Uruguayan Government really does elapse,—the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee will have made his decision as to whether he will submit to internment of his vessel, or proceed to sea, and fight the Allied forces which have assembled for the destruction of his ship. If he decides after all to accept internment no one will for one moment blame him. He and his crew undoubtedly put up a gallant fight, and there could be no question of his courage were he to decide upon saving the lives of his men and his ship. On the other hand he may decide to go out, and, realizing the odds against him, endeavour to inflict as much damage as possible upon his enemies. Or he may endeavour to elude the vessels which are waiting for him; in that he may be unsuccessful, but the prospect of being able to get free and inflict some more damage upon British shipping is a temptation not likely to be ignored. The shortness of the time given him to effect repairs suggests that he is being allowed only the opportunity to see that his vessel is seaworthy for the period is not long enough to permit of effecting repairs to damage done to the fighting equipment. If the Admiral Graf Spee does go to sea she will be at a disadvantage as compared with when she was first engaged by the British, and though the sporting instinct will regret that she will be so heavily outmatched, it has to be remembered that such considerations cannot apply in war.

Count Ciano's Speech

Count Ciano's speech beyond reaffirming the closeness of the German-Italian understanding, adds little to the recent statement issued by the Grand Fascist Council. There is, however, in the various reports of the speech, considerable difference of opinion as to what he said with regard to the negotiation of the German-Russian non-aggression pact. According to Reuter Germany's decision to sign a non-aggression pact with Russia was received with surprise. Havas says "He revealed that at the time of the Anglo-French negotiations with the Soviet Union, Italy was kept informed of the secret talks between Berlin and Moscow," while according to the German account of the speech, Count Ciano said:—

> I discussed the possibility of a Russo-German rapprochement as early as last April or May.
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> When I was in Salzburg, I was informed that the Russo-German negotiations were progressing satisfactorily.
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> Then on August 21, Herr von Ribbentrop telephoned me that he intended to travel to Moscow on the following day in order to sign a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union.

The balance of evidence being in favour of the story that Italy knew of the Russo-German negotiations suggests that that view is probably the correct one. At the same time he has not divulged whether Italy at any time expressed approval of the negotiations, and it is to be believed that Il Duce did not approve, for to have done so would have been to agree to Germany's understanding with a political concept for which Signor Mussolini has always declared his bitter hatred, and from which he undoubtedly saved his country. The general effect of Count Ciano's speech is that, while he insists upon the completeness of the understanding between Rome and Berlin, he has nevertheless indicated the weak spot in the Axis, for it obviously did not matter to Herr Hitler whether Rome approved of what he was doing or not. The arrangement to refrain from war for three years more or so was equally disregarded, and Count Ciano has made it quite plain that Italian representations mean as little to Der Fuehrer as the advice from his immediate entourage, and for all the influence they can bring to bear upon him they would be like the stones on which Field Marshal Goering stood on one famous occasion.

Mr. Garner's Candidacy

With Mr. John N. Garner, U.S. Vice-President, throwing his hat into the political ring, by announcing his intention to accept nomination for election as president, the U.S. pre-election campaign may be said to have started. It is a development which may prove most important for a large section of the Garner support has been in favour of re-electing President Roosevelt for a third term of office, and if a split comes amongst the Democrats as a result it will indeed not be surprising. Much of course depends upon the decision President Roosevelt will make upon the question of the third term, for, if he decides to run for office again, there is reason to suppose that he would command the support of a very large proportion of the Democrats, for judging from all the reports which have come from the United States the prejudice against having a man run for a third term of office is not so strong as it once was. Much will depend upon the course of the war, for there are those who think that, because of the European situation, it would be better to have at the head of the State a man well versed in international affairs than a successor who would have to spend some time getting a grip of the situation. At the same time there is a very substantial section of the American electorate which firmly adheres to the old tradition concerning this particular point, and if a substantial proportion of Democrats was stampeded into the Republican camp, or merely persuaded to refrain from voting the chances of the next president being a Republican would be not such as could with safety be ignored. It has been known for some time past that Mr. Garner was not wholly in sympathy with the President's policy, and the fact that he has announced his candidature without knowing what Mr. Roosevelt is going to do, suggests that he is prepared to oppose him at the polls should he seek a third term of office. There is, of course, the chance that other presidential timber may be found in Democratic ranks, and should President Roosevelt decide not to stand, Mr. Garner might yet find some very redoubtable opponents.

Designs on Sweden?

The report which Reuter carries from Amsterdam to the effect that Herr Hitler is meditating seizing the iron mines in the extreme north of Sweden cannot surely be dependent upon whether the Soviet armies cross the Swedish border or not, for if they do they would be in a position to grab them long before the Germans could send sufficient forces to make sure of being able to hold them against all-comers. A plan to seize the Eskilstuna district, the chief seat of the Swedish iron and steel industry seems to be rather more feasible, for that is no further north than Stockholm and consequently far more accessible than would be districts further north. The possibility of common Russian and German action in Sweden has been freely canvassed for some months past, and the desire of both countries to secure command of the rich natural resources of the nation has become all the more intensified since hostilities have broken out. The suggestion that they would co-operate in the seizure has to undergo some modification in view of the fact that Russian co-operation in Poland was along lines which ensured that she should receive her full share of the spoils without having to await Herr Hitler's fulfilment of his pledge in that connection,—M. Stalin apparenty realizes that the day of miracles is past. On the other hand, as evidencing the supreme trust which Herr Hitler has in M. Stalin, it is suggested that German co-operation in Sweden would be for the purpose of seeing that the Soviet did not grab the iron and steel supplies for herself. Consequently should these two rulers actually prepare to carry out their alleged intentions the world may see them in a race for the Swedish mines, with the handicap very much in favour of the Soviet. The world may yet see these two bandits quarrelling over the division of the spoils, and that would be an edifying and not unamusing spectacle.

A COUNTRY DIARY

Dec. 16.—Glancing round my garden this morning—and listening to the strains of the *"Walla-walla-hei-ho"* song being bawled by builders' coolies in what was once the "surrounding country"—it suddenly struck me how much our avian population has changed during the past twenty years. In particular I notice that the song of the Bulbul is not so persistent as it used to be: this is to be explained by the removal of trees and shrubs which provide these birds with nesting sites: Blackbirds, on the other hand, seem to be almost more numerous in our gardens, and I can only suggest that these hardy birds are changing their habits to some extent and learning to build in gutter-boxes and other sites on houses. Again, this year I have witnessed the sight of a regular mob of young Magpies invading my garden every morning: these birds have apparently left their haunts in the war-ridden country and find it easier to pick up a living in the town. Then there is the remarkable case of the Night Herons which used to roost all day on well-known trees in the Avenue Haig; they have apparently been driven from their ancient home by building operations and are now divided into two groups in different parts of the Western district . . . and the finding of their new homes has produced an amusing story. My house was telephoned the other day by a lady asking what the birds could be; it seems that she had entered into an argument with the Amah and the "massage-man" as to whether or not they were ducks; the "massage-man" (who is apparently a sportsman, on the side) insisted that they must be ducks and asked permission to bring his gun to shoot them. The knowledge gained through my telephone saved the lives of some very nice Herons . . . and so I would like to point out to all would-be sportsmen that ducks do not yet roost in trees around this man-sized village.

IN PARENTHESIS

Regrets

"DARLING my love for you cannot be denied," to which his girl-friend replied "I'll say it can't. I've kept every one of your letters."

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Enterprising

A VERY enterprising shopkeeper who had a notice in his window as follows "Keep the Home Fires Burning, Buy Furniture Now."

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Auctioneer

THE mother of a youngster says that she is sure the child will be an auctioneer when he grows up, because last week he put his father's watch under the hammer.

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Surprise

"WHY weren't you watching where it went" demanded the golfer."

Caddy: Well it don't usually go anywhere, you took me by surprise.

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Blitzkrieg

A LADY was surprised when a little evacuee under her care said, "The war won't last long now, because father has just been called up and mother says he never keeps a job more than a month."

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Very Friendly

THE silence of the house was suddenly disturbed by an uproar from the kitchen. The mistress hurried down and demanded what the noise was about. "If you please mum," replied the hot-eyed and panting housemaid, "me and the cook's not speakin."

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Insurance

A CERTAIN man insured his life, and the premiums were paid regularly for years. Suddenly they stopped and when the company wrote to enquire the reason, they received a letter from the man's wife saying "My husband died in January and I cannot afford to keep up the payments."

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Crazy About It

I WAS staying with a friend on the outbreak of war, and during a walk we passed a mental home. One of the inmates called from the garden to ask if England had declared war. We told him yes.

"Gosh!" he said, "when I tell the others they'll go mad."

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Prudish Government

FIVE or six of us were met at the Post Office to collect our weekly Old-age Pension. We talked of war.

One old lady hinted she had a great deal of secret information which she was unable to give us. But at last she consented to tell us just this much—that the Government was not afraid of gas-attacks but that what it really dreaded was "those indecency bombs."

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Going Places

BOBBY, evacuated to the country, sends this letter home to his mother:

> "Dear Mum, just a few lines to let you know I am a good boy. The lady where I am staying said if I wasn't a good boy, I wouldn't go to Heaven.
>
> "Well, Mum, I have been to the pictures and have been to a party, so I can't expect to go everywhere, can I? Love From Bobby."

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Unskilled

AN unemployed man asked the manager of a big factory for a job, but was told that they were sacking most of their staff. "Well then could I not get the job of sacking them?" The manager, however, told him to go away and not worry him. "I'm a self-made man," said the manager, and have no time to waste," to which the unemployed man retorted "That's what comes of employing unskilled labour."

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True Story

ONE of my fellow-wardens was asked by a deaf old lady living next door if, in the event of an air-raid, he would blow his whistle very loud through her letter-box.

Imagine my surprise in the early hours of September 4 when I went to pick him up. I saw him complete with tin hat, respirator, bell and rattle, stooping down and blowing the whistle through the letter-box like billy-o—but minus his trousers.

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Witty Tags

SEVERAL tags are going the rounds, most of them very witty:—

Life insurance is something that keeps a man poor during his life so that he can die rich.

The man who said his wife was a business woman, interested in everybody's business.

The poet who when rejected by a girl threw himself into the wastepaper basket.

The commercial traveller who only got two kinds of orders "Get Out" and "Stay out."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	39.0	Max.	56.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	46.5	Max.	56.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	34.5	Max.	59.4
Same date, 1938	Min.	47.1	Max.	60.3

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 16th:—Anticyclone weakening over China and south Japan. Depression crossing Manchuria eastward. Low area almost stationary to the east of Mindanao. Fine weather and variable breezes in China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast and showery at places over the Eastern Sea.

State on the morning of the 17th:—Weak anticyclone over China. Depression over Vladivostock, moving eastward. Low area, almost stationary to the north-east of Mindanao.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—A typhoon near the Vizayas and moving west-north-west or north-westward. Fine to cloudy weather with prevailing winds from the northern quadrant in China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast with local showers and freshening monsoon over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Small Piece	100.00

TO THE BRITISH WAR WORK FUND

In ever loving memory of our darling granddaughter Deidre:—

Grandpa and Grandma Cormack	$10.00

TO THE I. C. MILK FUND

The Emigrants' Thrift Shop	$11.60
I. C. for Services Rendered	44.00
Fritz Rosskamm	20.00
Berthold Rosenberg	3.50

Graf Spee Ready But Plans Uncertain

Hasty Repairs Made But Uruguay May Extend Time Limit; Allied Fleet at Montevideo is Strengthened; H.M.S. Renown at Rio

Montevideo, Dec. 17.

THE German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee remained with her nose downstream this morning, apparently not planning an immediate dash from the Rio de la Plata estuary into the open sea. The impression was gaining among informed circles here that Uruguay will grant the German vessel an extension of the 72-hour time limit which is believed to expire tonight at 6 p.m.

Nine hundred officers and men aboard the battleship today faced the alternative of suicide—a dash to sea into the guns of the Allied fleet awaiting them at the mouth of the Rio de la Plata—or internment for the duration of the war. Just before 7 p.m. yesterday the funnels of the Graf Spee emitted smoke and the engines were warmed up. Provisioning was continuing last night, however, and the huge crowd which haunted the docks throughout the day was cleared off by the police.

The deadline set by the Government for the vessel to leave Uruguayan waters was 6 p.m. today, Eastern Standard Time, (7 a.m. Monday, Shanghai time) authoritative sources said. However, the time was not announced officially, because the Uruguayans wish to avoid revealing anything which might be interpreted as revealing German plans, although the nature of the harbour and channel to the sea makes it impossible for the Graf Spee to leave unnoticed.

The French battle cruiser Dunquerque is among the Allied ships watching the harbour to blow the Graf Spee to bits if it makes the desperate choice of attempting to make a dash for the open sea.

The Graf Spee's 11-inch gun control tower was wrecked during the battle with the three British cruisers Wednesday and the Graf Spee is not entitled to have this repaired under law, the United Press was told last night. The Foreign Office, meanwhile, announced that it had initiated a movement for agreement among all the Pan-American nations to strengthen the Panama Neutrality Declaration.—United Press.

Repair Work Expedited

Montevideo, Dec. 16.

The Admiral Graf Spee, is nearly ready to make a bid for escape. With the time-limit given her expiring tomorrow night, repairs to the warship's battered hull and superstructure are being feverishly pushed forward throughout today.

Many tons of steel plates have been used to cover gaping holes near the water-line and fuel and foodstuffs have been taken aboard. Uruguayan technicians consider the time allowed for her stay in port is ample to make the Graf Spee seaworthy.

Opinion is growing here that the German pocket-battleship will dash out and meet her adversaries during the coming night. The German Minister, Dr. Langmann, told a friend today that the damage to the Graf Spee's fighting gear was superficial and the morale of her crew excellent.

While the exact hour of the expiration of the Graf Spee's time limit is still doubtful, it is understood the Uruguayan Government has definitely decided to intern her for the duration of the war if she overstays the period.

Doubt Regarding Time Limit

Doubts still exist as to when the time-limit of 72 hours for the Graf Spee expires. Many circles say the period will end at 5.30 a.m. on December 17 (Shanghai time), while local evening newspapers state that the German warship will have to leave by 7.30 a.m. to avoid internment.

At that hour, the papers declare, a commission will board the Admiral Graf Spee to examine her condition and to make a report to the Government. The Uruguayan authorities, they add, will then decide what steps are to be taken.

There is reason to believe that the Government is anxious not to have the battleship in its hands for the duration of the war. It would allow her a little extra time, it is pointed out, if this could be justified and assisted the warship's departure. The period, however, would not extend beyond Tuesday. If the Admiral Graf Spee attempts to slip out tonight, she will be aided by clouds, as the broadcast by the naval observatory gives the weather as "very cloudy with moderate wind."—Reuter.

Renown Enters Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 17.

Confirming previous reports that they had asked for permission to refuel at a Brazilian port, the two British warships H.M.S. Renown and H.M.S. Ark Royal arrived here today.

The Renown is a battle-cruiser and the Ark Royal, which was claimed to have been sunk by the Germans some time ago, is an aircraft carrier. The two warships are on their way to strengthen the detachment of British naval units waiting for the Admiral Graf Spee to come out of Montevideo.—Havas.

Destroyers Arrive

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 17.

The British battle cruiser Renown, 32,000 tons, requested permission to enter the harbour here yesterday and was due to arrive at an unspecified time last night, it was officially announced. The announcement coincided with the arrival of three British destroyers the Hero, Hardy and Hostile at Recife, Brazil. The destroyers stayed at Recife for a short while and then steamed southward toward Uruguay.—United Press.

Germany May Send Reinforcements

Rome, Dec. 17.

German submarines were en route to the Rio de la Plata yesterday to assist the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee if it attempts to run through the guard of Allied ships awaiting it, the "Giornale d'Italia's" London correspondent said last night.

The correspondent said that the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Scheer might participate in the battle if the Graf Spee decides to leave Montevideo. This report was also broadcast by the Rome radio last night.—United Press.

Time Limit "Fair"

Berlin, Dec. 17.

The time allowed the Graf Spee to remain in the harbour at Montevideo "must be assumed as fair," an authoritative Nazi source said last night. Otherwise, the same source said, the German Minister would have taken the matter up with the Uruguayan Government.—United Press.

U.S. Concerned at Safety Zone

Second Battle Would Mean Another Breach; Diplomats In Consultation

Washington, Dec. 17.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, last night indicated his concern over the prospects of a second naval battle off the coast of Uruguay if the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee makes a dash from Montevideo in an attempt to break through the Allied warships lying in wait for it outside the harbour.

The Secretary of State intimated that the American nations would view such a battle as another serious breach of the safety zone established by the Declaration of Panama.

He said consultations are now in progress among the American nations over the battle between the Graf Spee and three British cruisers last Wednesday and were exchanging preliminary views and information. Mr. Hull asserted he was unable to say whether formal consultations would be called.—United Press.

Much Diplomatic Activity

Montevideo, Dec. 17.

Diplomatic activity increased here yesterday as the deadline for the departure of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee from the Rio de la Plata drew near.

The Italian Minister to Uruguay, Sr. Bellardi Ricci, the German Ambassador to Buenos Aires, and the German Naval Attache, conferred with Dr. Otto Langmann, German Minister to Uruguay, yesterday on what was persistently rumoured was a plan for the Graf Spee to attempt a dash to the sea while German reinforcements engaged the Allied warships waiting at the mouth of the river.

Meanwhile, the British Ambassador to Uruguay, Mr. Eugen Millington-Drake, was received by the Foreign Minister, Sr. Alberto Guani. Sr. Guani later received the Brazilian and United States Ambassadors, and the Uruguayan Minister of Defence, General Alfredo Campos.

Dr. Langmann conferred with Sr. Guani last night. He left at 7.45 p.m. after being closeted with the Foreign Minister for one hour. He appeared very agitated and nervous and refused to talk to newspapermen. "In dealing between Governments I am unable to talk to the press," he said.

Mr. Millington-Drake also appeared exceedingly upset when he left the Foreign Office a few minutes before Dr. Langmann entered, indicating that the diplomatic struggle was intensifying.—United Press.

No Diplomatic Incident

London, Dec. 17.

No diplomatic incident has arisen between Britain and Uruguay over the latter's treatment of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, informed sources here said today.

Authoritative quarters denied a published report that Britain had presented a strong protest to Montevideo for permitting the raider to effect repairs in the Rio de la Plata. Mr. Eugen Millington-Drake, British Ambassador to Uruguay, has kept in close touch with the Uruguayan Government, they said, but none of the Ambassador's communications could be called a protest. Moreover, they said, no protest is to be expected.

It was believed that Britain would not make an issue of the Graf Spee unless Uruguay made a decision permitting the vessel to remain at Montevideo a few days. It was pointed out that the 72-hour delay ending tonight would really benefit the Allies more than the Graf Spee, since it permits additional Allied reinforcements to arrive.

It was also believed that the delay "might permit other German raiders—conceivably the Admiral Scheer—to reach the river and distract the Allied warships while the Graf Spee made its dash for the open sea." Naval observers here, however, were convinced that that the Allied combination of warships would be easily able to take care of any German forces which might be at large in the vicinity. They stated they did not believe Germany would risk other still undamaged ships on the slim chance of rescuing the Graf Spee.—United Press.

New Japanese Envoy Arrives in Paris

Paris, Dec. 17.

Mr. Renzo Sawada, the new Japanese Ambassador to France, arrived in Paris at 9.20 a.m. today from Marseilles. He was welcomed at the railway station by a number of high officials, including a personal representative of Premier Edouard Daladier. Members of the Japanese Embassy staff were also present to greet the new Ambassador.—Havas.

Pearl River Not Closed To Japanese

Canton, Dec. 17.

The announcement that the Pearl River would remain closed to all shipping, from December 17 until the end of the year, does not apply to Japanese vessels, it is reliably learned here today. Japanese shipping companies are continuing their regular schedule of sailings to and from Macao.—Reuter.

King Honours Heroes of Graf Spee Battle

K.C.B. and Promotion For Cmdre. Harwood

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 17.

In recognition of the "gallant and successful action" fought by the cruisers Ajax, Achilles and Exeter against the German warship Admiral Graf Spee, the Admiralty announces, the King has appointed Commodore Henry Harwood, who commanded the cruisers, a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Captains C. E. Parry (Achilles) C. H. Woodhouse (Ajax) and F. S. Bell (Exeter) Companions of the Order of the Bath.

Commodore Harwood is also promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral of the Fleet, dating from December 13. The Admiralty, it is stated, has called for recommendations from the Commander-in-Chief in respect of good conduct and forwardness in action of officers and men of the squadron.—Reuter.

German Captain's Account

Buenos Aires, Dec. 16.

Captain Langsdorf, commander of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, told his own story of the battle with British cruisers in a report to the Uruguayan authorities.

His report points out that he was handicapped by having to "fight on three quarters." The rapidity of the manœuvres of the British cruisers so upset his plans, he says, that he found himself lacking deep water until a shot from one of his fore guns put the Exeter out of action.

Then the Ajax slipped in towards the shore and scored two hits, one damaging fire control and the other penetrating a compartment above the waterline, many casualties being caused. The British gunners, the report goes on, placed their shells with great accuracy, with the result a high percentage of the crew of the Graf Spee were put out of action—not only killed and wounded, but suffering from bruises and minor injuries.

Captain Langsdorf says he therefore decided to attempt to escape under a smoke screen, with the object of resuming action under more favourable circumstances, possibly taking on the British cruisers separately, but this manœuvre was rapidly seen by the British staff and frustrated.

"Incredible Manœuvre"

"With inconceivable audacity," says Captain Langsdorf, "the British staff had apparently ordered the Achilles and Ajax to close in."

This "incredible manœuvre" brought the two cruisers dashing through the smoke screen to within a mile of the Admiral Graf Spee, firing from both sides. The Exeter, almost hors de combat, remained to the north, apparently to impede the path of the Graf Spee.

Captain Langsdorf adds that the Ajax and Achilles, with their speed and mobility, continued to harry the Admiral Graf Spee, compelling him to increase his fronts, while the Exeter assisted them from time to time with long-range broadsides. At this point, the German commander recalls, he decided to break off action. Later, off Lobos Island, the Achilles and Ajax again closed in and the Graf Spee was forced to slacken speed and fire a broadside "to keep the enemy at a respectable distance."—Reuter.

British Press Enthusiastic

London, Dec. 17.

The naval battle off Montevideo between three British cruisers and the Admiral Graf Spee caused the press today to comment enthusiastically on this feat.

In a lengthy editorial, the "Observer" stressed that the British Navy "has delivered a resounding stroke that makes the whole Empire tingle with pride and satisfaction. The Graf Spee is the most finished product of the German Navy's imagination," the paper added. "But this bigger vessel seems to have been from the first on the defensive, delivering her counter-attack with a constant eye to the possibility of escape. The trio of British cruisers were nimble, cleverly handled, and pertinacious. Their very audacity may have unbalanced the nerve of their opponent."

According to the "Sunday Dispatch," "Herr Hitler has ordered Captain Langsdorf, commander of the crippled German battleship, to put to sea and fight to the finish with the British battle fleet waiting for her outside Montevideo."

"Hitler," these reports add, "declared that he would rather see the Graf Spee sunk than to have her surrender to the Uruguayan Government and suffer the ignominy of being interned for the rest of the war," the paper said.

On the other hand, the "Sunday Chronicle" asserted that the Deutschland, sister-ship of the Graf Spee, is preparing in all haste to leave Kiel and proceed to South American waters where she would replace the latter as a commerce raider in the South Atlantic.—Havas.

Sentences Passed on Siamese Rebels

21 Persons to Be Executed For Rebellion

Bangkok, Dec. 17.

Justice was meted out today to the 54 plotters against the security of the state whose intentions were discovered by the Government early this year. Twenty-one of them were sentenced to death, 22 to life imprisonment, and the others to lesser terms. Two of the leaders, Prince Rangbit of Jainal and Lieutenant-General Phya Devashastin, were sentenced to death originally, but the penalty was commuted.

In a radio broadcast to the people, Premier Phya Bahol Bolabayuga Sena declared today that it was necessary to deal severely with the rebels who intended to forcibly overthrow the present regime. He added that the Government intended to achieve economic and social reforms, to develop education, and to decrease public charges.—Havas.

Air Raid Warning in Northern France

Paris, Dec. 17.

An air raid warning was sounded in Northern France at 9 a.m. today. The all-clear signal was given twenty minutes later without any enemy planes having been sighted in the interval.—Havas.

H.M.S. Renown Joins South Atlantic Concentration

H.M.S. Renown, which with the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, has joined the concentration of Allied warships in the South Atlantic waiting for the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee. The Renown has asked permission to put into Rio de Janeiro.

Prime Minister Makes Tour of Western Front

Cheery Welcome Given Mr. Chamberlain by British Expeditionary Force; Bitter Winter Ahead

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Dec. 17.

BRITISH soldiers at many points doffed their caps and cheered yesterday when the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who is visiting France, toured positions of the British Expeditionary Force. Mr. Chamberlain repeatedly raised his hand, beamed and called "Thank you. Good luck to you and a merry Christmas." Many French country folk recognized and cheered Mr. Chamberlain. The Premier inspected workshops where engineers were making essential parts of pillboxes and other defences with which the B.E.F. are making stronger what might now be called the "Gort Line."

Then he went through a maze of trenches and across ploughed fields and lunched on sandwiches. Later, he witnessed a march past of infantrymen, with bands, trumpets, drums, pipes and bugles. The Prime Minister took the salute and was obviously highly pleased.

The day concluded with a visit to an airfield, where Mr. Chamberlain was presented with an empty cartridge case from the first German bomber brought down by the fighters at this station.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Prepare For Hard Winter

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 17.

Britain's air arm in France is hastening preparations for a hard winter, says Reuter's special correspondent with the Royal Air Force. The season shows every promise of being bitterly cold on the Western Front and it may also well be one of bitter aerial warfare.

In view of its proximity to Germany, which lies within easy striking distance, the Air Force expects to have to contribute a big share to what the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, called another "more strenuous and difficult" chapter of war in the air, which he warned the House of Commons might open before the spring. The R.A.F. is speculating keenly on what the Air Minister's words may foretell. While the men, naturally enough, hope the new development will be delayed until after Christmas leave, they are eager to have a crack at the enemy.—Reuter.

Attack on Outpost Described

Paris, Dec. 16.

One of the longest communiques of the war was issued by the French General Staff today to describe a German attack on an outpost which, though repeatedly subjected to heavy fire, withstood the enemy forces without losing a single inch of ground.

"The enemy," the communique began, "at 6.15 a.m. launched an attack on one of our posts east of the Moselle. The attack was carried out by a force equivalent to a company. The way was paved by artillery and Minenwerfers (trench mortars) and the attack was launched under the protection of this artillery barrage and heavy machinegun fire.

"Our post defended itself energetically until the attackers reached it and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the defenders. The enemy then was repelled, leaving behind a large number of dead, and a certain quantity of arms and other equipment.

"The enemy had succeeded in making two prisoners-of-war and taking these with them. But the prisoners managed to escape when the enemy were sent back to their own lines, harassed by our fire. The men returned to their positions," the communique concluded.—Havas.

Artillery, Infantry Action at Front

Paris, Dec. 17.

"There was some artillery and infantry action at various points of the Western Front," states the latest communique published today.—Reuter.

Early Settlement of Tientsin Unlikely

FROM PERCY WHITEING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

The "Yomiuri" forecasts that the Tientsin problem will be settled before the end of the year but Mr. Y. Suma, Foreign Office spokesman, informed me today that although Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, and Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, are to meet shortly it is unlikely that such a complex matter can be settled so early.

According to a Domei report, however, Anglo-Japanese conversations for a solution of the silver specie and currency issues in Tientsin will be undertaken here this week. Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, the Foreign Minister, or Mr. Tani, will engage in discussions on the subject with Sir Robert Craigie.

Rice Situation Still Serious

Three Minor Riots Occur Yesterday; Merchants Close Main Doors

Due to extraordinary precautions taken by the Shanghai Municipal and French Concession police forces and to the fact that most rice merchants in the city closed their heavy main doors and traded only through small apertures in the doors or walls of their establishments, there were no serious rice riots in the city yesterday. Three minor disturbances were reported during the morning and early afternoon, but there were no injuries to anyone and only slight damage was caused. The situation still remained serious, however, and the prices of rice were far beyond the reach of the ordinary Chinese citizen.

The first riot to be reported was staged at a Chinese flour shop at 977 Ferry Road shortly before 7 a.m. A small crowd of Chinese of both sexes broke into the establishment and managed to remove twelve bags of flour before a detachment of police could be summoned from Pootoo Road Police Station. Later, two more riots were staged in Seymour Road and Weihaiwei Road, two rice shops in these thoroughfares losing between them scores of bags containing rice. A party of police from Bubbling Well Station managed to effect the arrest of three rioters at each place.

Although the Shanghai Rice Market opened yesterday after one day's suspension of business, the prevalence of riots caused practically a stoppage of all trading. Rice shop managers, influenced by the seriousness of the situation, refused to place orders for more supplies of the grain but a few factory managers approached middlemen in the market with requests to purchase rice for their workers.

Prices Still Too High

The newly reduced prices of $40 and $33 for the first and second grades respectively prevailed in the market yesterday but these prices still were far too high for the majority of the Chinese population, who are daily becoming more desperate as they cannot purchase their staple diet. Rice merchants in the market, in view of this, have asked the authorities to offer them adequate protection.

It has been reported that the aged rice merchant, who was shot by gunmen in Chekiang Road on Saturday, is one of the six rice merchants who have been warned by the authorities against profiteering. This could not be confirmed, however. Other Chinese reports stated that a secret organization which will resort to violent methods against profiteers, instead of rice shop employees who only obey orders, has been formed. One of the men, who took part in the riot on Saturday at the San Mow Rice Shop in Chengtu Road has died of his injuries.

It is the general opinion in local Chinese circles that the situation can only be relieved by two measures—the collective purchase of Saigon rice and the starting of negotiations between all authorities concerned, to aim at increasing the supply. The first method is being used by Chinese civic leaders here but, so far, there have been no negotiations between any of the local authorities.

New Body Formed

In an effort to solve the rice shortage problem the Shanghai Foodstuffs Readjustment Association, the organization of which was recently decided upon at a meeting of Chinese public bodies in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, is expected to be inaugurated today to the relief of the local Chinese community.

The chief aim of the new civic organization is to start a collective purchase movement for buying Saigon rice to offset the local prices of rice. The foreign rice will be bought and sold at cheaper prices. While it is understood that it requires a large capital to carry out the programme representatives have already been selected to negotiate with Chinese bankers for the necessary funds.

The new association will be in charge of a committee of 11 persons including such well known civic leaders as Messrs. Yu Ya-ching, Hsu Chi-chuan, vice-chairman of the Chinese Ratepayers Association, Hsilin Chi, Chinese member of the Shanghai Municipal Council, Kwei Yen-fang and Wang Yu-ching, prominent business men. Mr. Li Wen-chieh, one of the committeemen has been chosen to draft the regulations. Bankers will be approached for advancing money for buying rice and also for establishing a foundation fund for the association, which will be a permanent body.

British Examining Japanese Ship

Formal Routine Applied to Sanyo Maru Cargo

London, Dec. 17.

The Japanese vessel Sanyo Maru has arrived off the British coast with a cargo understood to include German machinery and potash. She is now under examination by British control officers.

In authoritative quarters it is learned the examination is being carried out normally without any suggestion of a "test case" being involved.

When the Allies' announced their decision to seize German exports in neutral ships on the high seas, in retaliation for the Reich's unrestricted mine warfare, it will be recalled, official quarters in Tokyo hinted at the possibility of reprisals if there should be any interference with shipments to Japan. The Sanyo Maru is the first Japanese ship to be affected by the Allies' decision, and has been described as a "test case."—Reuter.

No Independent State In Poland

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.

It is reported from Berlin that Germany has officially admitted her decision not to create an independent Polish state however small it might be.

It is considered in Berlin that a German "Government-General" of Poland is definitively established. It will be entrusted with creating "reservats" both for Poles and Jews. The capital of this Government will be in Cracow, while regional branches will be established in Danzig, Cracow, Warsaw, Radom and Lublin. The Lublin district will have to absorb an important number of Jews.—Havas.

Captain of Graf Spee One of Winston Churchill's Readers

Greatly Interested in "World Crisis" Found in Library Taken from Captured British Officer

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Montevideo, Dec. 16.

Captain Charles Pottinger, master of the British steamer Ashlea, one of the prisoners on the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, who has been handed over to the Uruguayan authorities, stated his personal library was seized by the Germans when they captured and sank the Ashlea.

The books included "World Crisis," written by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. This was read with great interest by Captain Langsdorf, commander of the Admiral Graf Spee, who afterwards passed the book on to his officers to study, said Captain Pottinger.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 17.

The war on the sea and in the air gained in fury yesterday spreading destruction from the North Sea to the South Atlantic, as nine merchantmen were sunk in British waters within 48 hours.

It was believed all the ships went down as a result of mine action. They included the British trawler James Ludford, the Norwegan steamers H. C. Flood and Ragina, the Swedish steamer Ursus, the Belgian steamer Rosa and the Greek freighter Germaine. The loss of lives was not known, but at least 26 persons were known missing from the nine vessels.—United Press.

German-Hungarian Trade Talks

Budapest, Dec. 17.

An agreement in principle has been reached in the trade talks between Hungary and Germany, which have been going on for over two weeks, states a semi-official reports published here today. The talks, it is stated, have been suspended temporarily but will probably be resumed some time in January.—Reuter.

Finns Consolidate Victories After Four Days' Fighting

Soviet Russian Attempt to Split Country in Two Frustrated; 5,000 Troops Claimed Trapped

Helsinki, Dec. 17.

THE Finnish Army yesterday consolidated its victories won on two fronts after four days of savage fighting. At Soumusalmi, 20 miles from the Russian border on the Central front, the Finns cut off the Russian advance aimed at cutting Finland in two and trapped 5,000 Russians. Three hundred miles farther south the Finns were holding a Red force on the east side of the Taipale River, preventing them from effecting a crossing. The battle of Suomusalmi at least temporarily ended one of Finland's greatest perils, because the Russians attempted to cut the only railway over which Finland can receive supplies overland from the outside world.

Meanwhile, an official war communique reported heavy fighting at many points on Thursday, marked by Finnish forces completely crushing a Russian tank attack at Taipale in which 150 Russian tanks were destroyed. Four tanks were captured, the communique said, as well as "hundreds of enemy dead" at other points.

The tank attack followed a severe military and artillery bombardment, but crumpled before accurate Finnish fire, the communique declared. The communique described all other attacks as "repulsed" with the exception of an attack on Petsamo, where for the first time the communique admitted that "our troops have withdrawn to Salmijaervi." Finnish troops pursued the retreating Russian forces at Tolvijaervi and were mopping up at Suomusalmi, the communique asserted.

The communique also reported the destruction of one Russian patrol boat by coastal batteries during widespread naval activity Thursday. One Russian plane was reported shot down by Finnish anti-aircraft fire, the communique stated.—United Press.

No Important Gains By Soviet

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.

General Wallenius, commanding the Finnish forces fighting in the north, told a correspondent of the "National Tidende" that the Russians, after 15 days of fighting, had obtained no object of military importance on the northern frontier.

Their only gain of economic importance was at Pitkaranta, northeast of Lake Ladoga, with its big celluloid works. Russian strategy, the General said, had so far consisted of steamroller mass attacks, regardless of tactics.—Reuter.

First Offensive Halted

Oslo, Dec. 16.

The first Soviet offensive seems to have been halted by the strong defence lines just south of Salmijaervi, the "Norsk Telegrambyra's" correspondent at Suankik, on the Finnish-Norwegian frontier, reported today.

Preparations for the second offensive already were well in course, however, he added. He reported motorized detachments moving south of Petsamo, ice-free northern Finnish port, and said he counted about 100 tanks in the distance, also moving south. Soviet bombers were spotted over Salmeijaervi today, the newsman concluded.—Havas.

Soviet Claims Victories in North

Moscow, Dec. 17.

Russian troops continued their advance on the Murmansk and Ukhta fronts, the sixth Russian war communique said last night, but "on the other fronts there were insignificant skirmishes and patrol actions."

The Finns retreated from Salmijaervi (on the Norwegian border, 45 miles from Petsamo, which was reported taken by the Russians December 15), the communique continued. The Finns burned all the buildings in the town and evacuated the entire population, the communique said. Brick houses owned by nationals were not burned, the report said, but the windows were smashed and their inhabitants were carried off.—United Press.

Peace Appeal Ignored

Moscow, Dec. 16.

The Soviet Government today continued to ignore the supreme appeal for peace and negotiations made by the Finnish Foreign Minister, M. V. Tanner last night in a radio broadcast.

The only reply given M. Tanner's request that Foreign Commissar Viacheslav Molotoff make a radio speech in answer to his appeal, was the Tass communique issued this morning and stating:

"The U.S.S.R. is not waging war on Finland. It has concluded a treaty of friendship with the new People's Government. The Soviet position therefore remains unchanged, for Soviet Russia does not act against the Finnish people but aids them to get rid of the Mannerheim-Tanner clique which is the instrument of Britain and France, who wish to spread war to Europe."—Havas.

Soviet Troops Resume Push

Helsinki, Dec. 17.

Having received heavy reinforcements Soviet troops have resumed their push in the North of Finland. Yesterday night's respite was used by the Finns to complete the strengthening of their defence system in that region.

Meanwhile, the Home Ministry today issued a communique warning the population of Helsinki, following the recent return of many evacuees, that although there have not been any air bombings lately, these can take place at any moment and that therefore all those whose presence in the city is not absolutely necessary should leave at once, especially women and children. President Kyusto Kallio of Finland will broadcast a message to the Finnish army today at 2.45 p.m. local time.—Havas.

129 Lost in Duchess Disaster

Names of Missing Officers Announced

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 17.

The Admiralty has announced that six officers and 123 men lost their lives when the destroyer Duchess sank after colliding with another destroyer.

The officers, reported missing and believed drowned, are: Gunner H. P. Gordon. Probationary Midshipman C. L. Kretschmer, Lieutenants G. W. Murray, J. M. L. Scholfield, and O. P. Tilden, and Lieut.-Commander R. C. M. White.—Reuter.

New Government is Still Delayed

Peiping Meeting Adjourns Without Decision; "Facts Not So Simple"

Peiping, Dec. 16.

As expected, the discussions of the seventh meeting of the United Council of the Provisional and Reformed Governments, which concluded today, failed to throw any light on the question of a new Central Government, resulting merely in the passing of five resolutions on comparatively minor issues.

These resolutions included decisions to open exchange facilities between the Provisional and Reformed Governments and to inaugurate the exchange of southern for northern goods.

Mr. Liang Hung-chin, one of the Nanking Reformed Government representatives, in answer to a question by Chinese journalists regarding the proposed Central Government, is reported to have declared: "The actual facts are not so simple."

Reliable local Chinese circles do not see any possibility for the inauguration of the Central Government in the near future. The Nanking delegates will probably leave Peiping on Tuesday.

Probably Last Meeting

Local Chinese reports forecast that the meeting just concluded of the United Council of the Provisional and Reformed Governments will probably be the last to be held by the Council, and that the Council may be dissolved.

The meeting is believed to have devoted time to winding up all affairs left over from the previous meeting, such as the exchange of southern rice for northern coal and cotton, the fixing of a definite exchange rate between Federal Reserve Bank and Hua Hsing Bank notes, the conservancy of the Yellow River and the revision of textbooks issued by the two Governments.

It will be recalled that the United Council was established on September 2, 1938. It has six members: Mr. Wang Keh-min, Mr. Wang Yi-tang and Mr. Chu Sheng, representing the Peiping Provisional Government, and Mr. Liang Hung-chih, Mr. Wen Tsung-yao and Mr. Chen Chun, representing the Nanking Reformed Government.—Reuter.

Mr. Garner to Run For Presidency

Open Political Warfare Now Likely

Washington, Dec. 17.

Vice-President John Nance Garner formally tossed his Texas sombrero into the Presidential race yesterday and appeared likely to inaugurate open political warfare among the Garner forces who have been the unofficial sponsors of a third term for President Roosevelt.

Mr. Garner's participation in the race for the Presidency was announced yesterday in typical Garner fashion on the front porch of his rambling Uvalde, Texas home.

He dictated a 44-word statement to Mr. Bascom Timmons, Texas newspaperman and intimate of the Vice-President.

"I will accept the nomination for President," he said. "I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be selected at the primaries and at the conventions as provided by law. I sincerely trust all Democrats will participate in them."—United Press.

U.S. Communists Ban Japanese Goods

Boycott of German Goods Lifted

New York, Dec. 17.

The Communist Party of America today ordered its members to stop boycotting German goods, but to continue boycotting Japanese imports.

Mr. William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, in explaining the new order, said, "This (the Allied-German struggle) is an imperialist war, one in which the workers have no interest except to bring it to a speedy conclusion.

"It does further the workers' cause of peace, democracy and socialism to single out one side in the war either for embargo or assistance, regardless of whether this side be the Allies or Germany. With the Japanese boycott, however, the situation is fundamentally different. The struggle of the Chinese is a just resistance—a necessary defence of their liberties and national independence."—United Press.

France Orders 650 More American Warplanes

New York, Dec. 17.

France has ordered 650 more Curtiss pursuit 'planes, according to the "New York Times." This order, the paper adds, brings the total of 'planes contracted for by European countries during the past 18 months to about 3,800 machines.—Reuter.

Dr. Sun Fo's Views On European War

Convinced It Will Develop In Appalling Manner; Help To China Will Continue

Chungking, Dec. 17.

"Britain and France have a slightly better chance of winning the war than Germany," declared Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who has returned to Chungking after a lengthy stay in Russia and Europe. Upon his arrival yesterday afternoon, Dr. Sun Fo immediately called on General Chiang Kai-shek for an interview which lasted over one hour.

Commenting on the European situation, Dr. Sun Fo said: "Britain and France are in a position to launch an attack on Germany with combined land and naval forces, at the same time enforcing an economic blockade. Since Germany's only chance lies in a quick war and a quick decision, Britain and France are at present adopting the tactics of a prolonged warfare. Hitherto there have been no major aerial activities," Dr. Sun Fo continued, "because Britain and France are training pilots and increasing the production of aircraft with the view of launching large-scale aerial operations some time next summer."

Referring to the possibility of an invasion of Holland, Dr. Sun Fo stated that Germany would probably invade the Netherlands for the purpose of establishing air bases against England.

"The belief that an economic blockade of one year or eighteen months would force Germany to come to terms, seems too optimistic," he added, "for if Russia actively helps Germany, such assistance would greatly reduce the effectiveness of a blockade and affect the chances of an Allied victory.

"The European situation is so complicated, and changes are so sudden and unexpected that it is impossible to make any accurate statement. I am convinced, however, that the European war will develop in an appalling manner without any possibility of an early settlement.

"To sum up the impressions of my European trip, I would say that the outbreak of a war in Europe is most regrettable. The Chinese hold the profoundest sympathy for the plight of European peoples. Despite their present undertakings Russia, Britain and France will continue to extend their sympathy and assistance to China, at the same time maintaining their present Far-Eastern policy."

In conclusion, Dr. Sun Fo declared that "the Governments in Europe have faith and confidence that China will eventually emerge victorious in her present struggle."—Reuter.

THE CINEMA

"Indianapolis Speedway"

Joe Greer .....Pat O'Brien
Frankie Merrick .....Ann Sheridan
Eddie Greer .....John Payne
Lee Mason .....Gale Page
"Spud" Connors .....Frank McHugh
Martha Connors .....Grace Stafford
Mr. Greer .....Granville Bate
Ted .....John Ridgely
Dick Wilbur .....Regis Toomey
"Red" .....John Harron
Duncan Martin .....William Davidson
Tom Dugan .....Ed McWade
Fred Haskill .....Irving Bacon
Haskill's Son .....Tommy Bupp
Edward Hart .....Robert Middlemass
Mayor .....Charles Halton

In "Indianapolis Speedway" which opened at the Grand Theatre yesterday, Mr. Pat O'Brien once again returns to a Shanghai screen as a racing-driver and once again he is out to give his fans one thrill after another. Mr. John Payne, as Mr. O'Brien's brother and fellow race-driver does the rest to make the present feature speedy, dusty and thrilling entertainment. There are but a few variations in the script as compared to previous racing pictures and, while the average member of the audience may well make out in advance what is about to happen, there are just a sufficient number of new angles and extra thrills thrown in, to keep the interest of the audience at a high pitch almost from beginning to end. Miss Ann Sheridan as Mr. O'Brien's fiancee, and Miss Gale Page, as Mr. Payne's wife are the only two other major stars in the cast. The story is that of a race driver who, being successful, desires to send his brother to college with the money that he earns at the wheel of a racing car. The younger brother, however, instead of devoting his time to studies and the money for the payment of tuition, decides to improve on existing super-chargers, with the result that Mr. O'Brien decides that the best of a bad bargain will be to make a real driver out of his brother. A serious accident caused by Mr. O'Brien to his racing partner, Mr. Frank McHugh, decides the former to give up racing for ever while his brother carries on from success to success. The picture closes, however, with both brothers in the winning car at Indianapolis. There is some excellent driving and wonderful trick-photography which alone make the picture good entertainment.

"Small Town Idol" a yesteryear slap-stick two-reeler to which sound has been added, rounds out the programme.—A.S.I.

"Two Bright Boys"

Rory O'Donnell .....Jackie Cooper
David Harrington ..Freddie Batholomew
Bill Hallet .....Alan Dinehart
Hilary Harrington .....Melville Cooper
Kathleen O'Donnell ..Dorothy Peterson
Mike Casey .....J. M. Kerrigan
Clayton .....Willard Robertson
Washburn .....Eddie Acuff
Boswell .....Hal Dawson
Sheriff .....Eddy C. Waller

"Two Bright Boys," which opened yesterday at the Nanking, mixes melodrama with comedy and human appeal, and hold one's attention pretty well. The characters portrayed by Mr. Freddie Bartholomew and Mr. Melvile Cooper are somewhat on the shady side but, since they both give good performances, one cannot help sympathizing with them. The closing scenes, where they redeem themselves, provide excitement as well as comedy.

Mr. Cooper and his son (Mr. Freddie Bartholomew), impoverished Englishmen travelling in America, strike up an acquaintance on a train with Mr. Alan Dinehart, oil king. By leading him to believe that the father was the head of a large English bank, they manage to obtain an invitation to his private car, where Mr. Melville engages in a poker game. Having noticed the signals that Freddie was giving to his father, who was a heavy winner, the oil king realizes that they are crooks, and throws them out. Mr. Jackie Cooper, owns valuable oil property, but refused to sell it to Mr. Dinehart. Mr. Melville, by again posing as a banker, wins Jackie's confidence, as well as the admiration of his widowed mother (Miss Dorothy Peterson). He makes them a loan for which he receives a note, which he is compelled to turn over to Mr. Dinehart, who hoped to use it to foreclose on the property. The Englishman and his son, however, work along with Jackie in an attempt to bring in the oil before the note would fall due. After numerous complications, characterized by much action, the well is saved and Miss Peterson and Mr. Melville, it is anticipated, will approach the altar.—J.E.M.

"The Saint in London"

Simon Templar .....George Sanders
Penelope Parker .....Sally Gray
Dugan .....David Burns
Inspector Claude Teal ..Gordon McLeod
Bruno Lang .....Henry Oscar
Mother Buckley .....Athene Seyler
Count Stefan Duni .....John Abbott
Kusella .....Ralph Truman
Mr. Morgan .....Charles Carson
Stengler .....Carl Jaffe
Mrs. Morgan .....Norah Howard
Sir Richard Blake ....Ballard Berkeley

Mr. George Sanders, who for the second time is seen on the local screen successfully filling the role of Simon Templer—The Saint, has definitely established himself to play the part of this likeable screen character. The latest of the Saint series "The Saint in London," opened yesterday afternoon at the Metropol Theatre and was enjoyed by a fair-sized audience. The Saint is informed by an intelligence officer of a notorious international crook who is very nearly successful in carrying out a fraud of printing an extra million pounds. With the Saint on the job the audience do not have to wait long before action, thrilling and fast with fine photograph of London as a background, follows with the Saint eventually bringing the culprits to book. The outstanding player in the supporting cast is Mr. David Burns who puts in a rare performance, playing the part of the Saints' assistant and as an ex-American gangster, has the audience in hysterics with his gangster slang. Miss Sally Gray in support plays her part well. Lovers of action and detective fiction should not miss this picture as it is the best of the Saints series yet seen on the local screen. Preceding the main attraction is a short and a comedy.—G.B.

"A Christmas Carol"

Ebenezer Scrooge .....Reginald Owen
Bob Cratchit .....Gene Lockhart
Mrs. Cratchit .....Kathleen Lockhart
Tiny Tim .....Terry Kilburn
Fred .....Barry Mackay
Bess .....Lynne Carver
Marley's Ghost .....Lee G. Carroll
Spirit of Christmas Present .....Lionel Braham
Spirit of Christmas Past Ann Rutherford
Spirit of Christmas Future .....D'Arcy Corrigan
Young Scrooge .....Ronald Sinclair

It would be well for any man with Scrooge-like tendencies who wishes to maintain his status as a miser to keep clear of the Cathay Theatre during the timely presentation of the tender Christmas tale written by the father of the English novel, Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol." All that Christmas stands for, its good cheer, its love of fellow men, its spirit of charity and forgiveness is brought home to the audience by this screen version of the immortal story with a forceful tenderness that touches the very heart. Here is a true piece of motion picture art. No great names grace the cast of this modest production but the players who take part in the film enact their roles with a zest which seems to come from within. As for Mr. Reginald Owen, who plays the part of Scrooge, it is suffice to say that he is as sympathetic and lovable as the reformed Scrooge as he is contemptible and mean as Scrooge the miser. Mr. Gene Lockhart plays his part of Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's office assistant, with remarkable ease while young Terry Kilburn is superb as Tiny Tim.

The feature attraction is preceded by a traveltalk on New Brunswick in Technicolor, an Our Gang comedy and a news reel.—T.A.B.

French Railway Loan To China

Kunming, Dec. 17.

The general manager of the Szechuen-Yunnan railway yesterday called on the Governor of Yunnan to submit his report on the French railway loan. The "Yunnan Daily," in an editorial today, states: "This is the first time that China has enjoyed such a just loan. The confidence shown by France may lead to similar successes with other countries."—Reuter.

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More Persons Rescued From Soviet Ship

Burial Services Held for 502 Victims

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Twenty-eight additional survivors were rescued yesterday from the stranded Soviet steamer Indigirka, the Foreign Office announced here today. One of those removed from the doomed vessel subsequently died, while two persons are seriously injured, the communique added.

The rescue operations, the Foreign Office announcement said, were carried out in the face of rough weather which continued to prevail near Wakkanai on the northern extremity of the Hokkaido. The 27 survivors from the ill-fated vessel left Wakkanai at 8 o'clock this morning for Otaru where they will join the 402 passengers and members of the crew of the Indigirka who were taken there on Friday. Burial services for 502 persons whose bodies were washed ashore near Wakkanai were also conducted on Friday.

The Indigirka ran ashore on a sand bank 800 metres from the shore off Wakkanai in a blinding snowstorm early on Tuesday morning. Because of the weather, the first vessel to reach the scene of the mishap did not arrive until 7.30 on Wednesday morning.—Domei.

Strikers Given Last Chance

San Francisco Port to Be State-Run as Emergency

San Francisco, Dec. 17.

Governor Culbert L. Olson, of California, today made a last effort to effect peace on the San Francisco waterfront through negotiations and said that, should the move fail, he would ask the State Legislature to legalize emergency state operation of the port of San Francisco.

The Governor said he hoped to consult directly on what means can be taken to immediately restore normal operations in the port. He said that he particularly wanted the ship clerks, who have been on strike since November 10, to accept a compromise plan submitted to the Governor by his "Fact Finding Commission."

Governor Olson pointed out that the ship clerks have been on strike at a tremendous monetary loss to themselves as well as inflicting heavy losses on waterfront employers.—United Press.

From famed Essex Institute, home of one of the most complete collection of historical ship material in the United States, at Salem, Massachusetts, a request has been received at Paramount studio for a complete set of photographs showing the two fine old 19th Century ships built for "Rulers of the Sea," Frank Lloyd maritime epic starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Margaret Lockwood and Will Fyffe. Pictures of the Dog Star, reproducing the doughty little side-wheeler which made the first all-steam crossing of the Atlantic in 1938, and the Falcon, a sailing packet of the period, will be made permanent exhibits.

Japanese Break Up Chinese Attacks

Heavy Fighting Reported Along Han River

Yingcheng, Dec. 17.

Chinese attempts to break through Japanese lines established along the Han River, north-west of Hankow, during the past week were repulsed with heavy losses a resume of field dispatches revealed here today. Chinese dead abandoned numbered 940.

Moving to check Chinese infiltration tactics which became apparent on Thursday in areas north of Chunghsiang, as the so-called Chinese "winter offensive" got under way in Hupeh, Japanese forces took the offensive, the reports said. Chinese troops, consisting of effectives from the 38th, 29th, 132nd, 180th, 161st, and 39th Divisions, were defeated along the western slopes of the Tahung mountain range and were in full flight north today, according to the dispatches. The Japanese forces were continuing their pursuit.

Meanwhile further south, large units comprising troops from the 63rd, 101st, 41st, 44th, and 12th Chinese divisions were engaged and repulsed by Japanese forces along a line extending from Tienmen to Kiukowchen, also along the Han River. Near Sungchiachen, a portion of the 50th Chinese Division, supported by the Communist New Fourth Army, was also defeated on Friday, the reports added.

Air Activities

All the Chinese troops engaged in these combats were from the Chinese Fifth War Zone which is commanded by Gen. Li Tsung-jen, Kwangsi military leader. Subjected to heavy losses in the Japanese "round-up" campaign in eastern Hupeh and southern Honan this spring, the morale of these troops has been very poor, the dispatches added.

Meanwhile Japanese bombers took to the air to disperse Chinese troop concentrations in various towns and villages, east, west, and north of Hankow, a Domei report from a Japanese Army air base said. Topaowan, on the Han River, and Chuehshan, in the Peking-Hankow Railway 75 kilometres north of Sinyang, were attacked following the discovery of heavy Chinese concentrations there, the dispatch said. A Chinese military headquarters at Chingyang, 15 kilometres northeast of Anking, was also bombed, while Chinese troops massed outside the walled city were machine-gunned, the report added.—Domei.

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Germans May Seize Swedish Mines

Plan of Action if Soviet Troops Invade Sweden

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.

Reuter understands from a neutral source that Herr Hitler's military experts are working on plans to seize the iron-mines in the extreme north of Sweden, should the Red Army cross the Swedish frontier.

The Eskilstuna district, chief centre of the Swedish iron and steel industry, is one of Germany's chief sources of iron, and Herr Hitler is said to have been considering the possibility of an expedition to seize it if the need should arise.

Such action, according to reports, would ostensibly be taken in full co-operation with the Russians, but actually be designed to prevent them occupying the district.

In the race for the mines the Germans would have to go much farther than the Russians. An expeditionary force would probably have to be dispatched by plane.—Reuter.

THERE are three special reasons why the French people place implicit faith in General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied armies. The first is that it was his turning manœuvre that won the Battle of the Marne in 1914, when he was on Joffre's staff. He himself has disclaimed the credit, but Joffre himself has put the facts beyond dispute. The second reason is that it was Gamelin who stemmed the German break-through when Gough's Army was heavily assailed in March, 1918. For three days his division held six German divisions. He himself remained near the front line throughout, and on the critical last night invited the British generals to dinner. The third reason is the brilliant manner in which he suppressed the Druse rising in Syria in 1926, with only a handful of colonial troops, and restored order in the Levant. General Gamelin was born 67 years ago last week, in a room overlooking his office at the French War Ministry. He is a silent little man, with a pink and white complexion and coppery hair turning grey. He has a remarkable memory for names and faces, likes painting in water colours, and reads philosophy in his spare time.

Chinese Students Return From England

A Chinese report from Hongkong states that 26 Chinese students studying in England have just arrived in the colony by boat via Singapore. Most of them have studied civil engineering and returned to their mother country in order to offer their services.

Their trip is said to be an exciting one, their ship being chased by a German submarine and attacked by German 'planes above but the ship suffered no big damage. They at first tried to return to China via France but French authorities refused to give them passes and after long negotiations they finally went aboard a British freighter on October 15.

The returned students are quoted as saying that most of the Chinese students studying in Great Britain have left. There are still many who prefer to stay in that country until they have finished their studies.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE doll dressed by Mrs. Vida for the B.W.A. War Work Fund and raffled last Thursday was won by ticket 174.

MR. B. G. Inge, headmaster of St. Giles School, Tsingtao, is passing through Shanghai en route for Hongkong, sailing for the Colony tomorrow.

THE usual Monday evening Bible Society half hour over the Christian Broadcasting Station XMHD will be taken by the Rev. Carleton Lacy, D.D. Subject: "Stanley and His Bible in Africa." Times. 8.30 p.m.

A 58-page Christmas number of the "Catholic Review" (Shanghai) has been issued. It includes seasonal stories and verse, an address delivered by the Rev. Father J. F. Magner, S.J., Catholic news from various parts of China, and topical notes.

LIEUT.-General Sir Archibald Percival Wavell, who conducted the British side of the military talks in Turkey, is a sturdy, stock Scot—recognized as a brilliant soldier and strategist. An ideal commander-in-chief of the Middle East, he knows Russia and the Russian Army well; also the Caucasus, of vital importance now.

PRINCESS Elizabeth was the first to buy one of the new £5 Defence Bonds, and Princess Margaret bought the first National Savings Certificate. The number of Princess Margaret's certificate is R/1 000001. The "small man" is making a big response to the scheme. Hundreds of thousands of certificates and bonds were bought at once.

A YOUNG mother, Mrs. Agnes Pickering, of Edinburgh, seeing a boy struggling in a canal, raced down two flights of stairs, climbed a spiked railing and a 5ft. wall and dropped 8 ft. down to the bank before plunging into the water and rescuing the lad. She was awarded £2 by the police and her action was reported to the Royal Humane Society. She received the congratulations of Lord Provost Steele.

THE King, setting an example to farmers, has qualified for a Government grant of £200 by ploughing up 100 acres of grassland at Sandringham—his Majesty's answer to the Government appeal that more land should be put under the plough. He has also extended the area given over to vegetables in all the royal gardens, ploughed up more land at Balmoral, and has ordered 90 acres of grassland on the Norfolk Farm, Windsor Great Park to be ploughed.

GRADUATES of Yenching University, Peiping, who are staying or working in Shanghai and who number more than 200 will hold a New Year dinner party to be held in a place to be announced later. Mr. Tso Tung-lai, secretary of the Shanghai Yenching Alumni Association states that three classical dramas will be the main feature of the entertainment. More than 400 valuable and fancy articles have been collected as prizes for a raffle.

THERE was drama in two Broadcasts on October 25. During the evening the programme was interrupted to announce that during the afternoon half-a-gallon of paraffin had been purchased in a shop in Worcester by a woman about 60. By mistake she had been served with petrol. She was asked to communicate with the Worcester City Police. Later in the evening it was announced by the B.B.C. that the petrol had been taken to the police station, where, the woman is said to have stated that she had already begun to use it in a wick-lamp. It gave a very good light, but, fortunately the lamp had not been burning long enough to get hot.

ACCORDING to the Police Courts, the householder is held responsible for any lights which may show from his house, whether he is aware or not of the movements of evacuees billeted with him. An evacuee woman rose at 2.30 in the morning and switched on the light in her bedroom. The householder, of course, knew nothing of this. He made sure that all the lights were out before he went to bed. But he is held to be responsible for the conduct of the evacuee for lack of diligence and was told that he should have removed the electric bulb for the night. He was fined five shillings.

A PORTRAIT of Robert Louis Stevenson, appears upon the sevenpenny denomination of a new series of postage stamps issued by the Government of New Zealand to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the occupation of Western Samoa by the Dominion forces on August 29, 1914. Presumably on account of the mobilization of her army, Belgium has created a provisional stamp for use on parcels addressed to the troops. It takes the form of the 5fr. 50c. regular parcels post stamp reduced to the face value of 3fr. and overprinted with the letter "M" to denote its particular application.

Two Carol services will be held in the Cathedral during the coming week, the first on Wednesday, December 20, at 5.45 p.m., and the second on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. It is hoped that the early hour chosen for the second will enable parents to bring children. The service will terminate about 6.15 p.m. The order of service is as follows:

Processional Hymn. (Choir and Congregation). 'Once in Royal David's City.'
Bidding Prayer.
Carol (Choir and Congregation). 'Good Christian Men, Rejoice.'
Scripture Lesson. Reader: A. Chorister.
Carols:—
(a) 'Ding Dong! Merrily on High.'
(b) 'Our Lady's Lullaby.'
(c) 'The Saviour's Work.'
Scripture Lesson. Reader: A Choirman.
Carol (Choir and Congregation). 'Good King Wenceslas.'
Carol. 'Sweet Baby Sleep.'
Carol (Choir and Congregation). 'God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen.'
Scripture Lesson. Reder: A Trustee of the Cathedral.
Carols:—
(a) 'Noel.'
(b) 'There was a rosebud bloomed in the snow.'
(c) 'This Day Christ was born.'
Hymn. 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks.'
Organ. 'Christmas Pastorale.'
Hymn. 'O Come, All Ye Faithful.'
The Blessing.
Recessional Hymn. 'Hark! the herald Angels sing.'

War Conditions in Chekiang

Amazing Concentration of Factories Shows Industrial Vigour of Province

That Japan have occupied only one-tenth of the territory in Chekiang or one municipality and 13 hsiens or districts all in the western part of the province but the Chinese governor and all other provincial officials appointed by Chungking are still there working hard, their slogan being "Reconstruct east Chekiang and recover west Chekiang," according to a series of articles appearing in the "Chinese-American Daily News." It is expected that the training of more than 1,000,000 militiamen will be completed soon.

It is revealed that the Chinese government work has been done smoothly in the province despite the Japanese invasion. The most interesting revelation as far as Shanghai people are concerned is the concentration of Chekiang factories in east Chekiang. There are 853 factories in the province, most of which are closely connected with Chinese industrial enterprises in Shanghai. More than 600 of them are located in the eastern part of the province entirely untrodden by the Japanese. The only threat to east Chekiang is the occupied Tinghai, an island off the coast which has been used by the Japanese for attacking east Chekiang cities without results.

The "self-defence" force of militiamen is said to be very strong helping regulars in their defence of the long coast of the province. The provincial budget is well balanced and in order to increase its income the provincial government has established a tax bureau for west Chekiang where in their struggle with guerillas the Japanese have also found time in carrying out their economic penetration programme by flooding the market with Japanese goods which are boycotted by east Chekiang. Japanese military notes are being circulated in west Chekiang.

A Political Offensive

There are one municipality and 22 districts in west Chekiang but only the municipality and 13 of the districts are occupied by the Japanese. In other words, it is pointed out, 42,693 square kilometres of land or about one-tenth of the province is under the Japanese domination. The counter policy adopted by the Chinese is to effect control over the masses as much as possible....to launch a "political offensive" trying to prevent the Japanese from making use of the masses while always creating troubles by waging guerilla warfare wherever possible.

It is claimed that the Chinese have effectively carried out their counter policy and today the Japanese military can only maintain some points instead of "lines" in the occupied areas. The province has recruited 7,000 able-bodied youths for the Central Military Academy. Many of them have enlisted in mechanized units while still many of them have gone into the war zones to disturb the Japanese rear as political workers, it is stated.

Fourth Marines Church

In the church services and concert held at the Fourth Marines Church yesterday morning, the audience beheld one of the finest distinguished features ever to be presented.

Mr. Shun-An Shah, bass soloist, and pupil of the distinguished Professor Chao Mei-Pa, teacher of voice, sang in both the divine worship services and the Concert. Mr. Shah in his concert series of renditions first sang Beethoven's "In Questa Tomba Oscura," followed by "Recuillement" by Hugo Wolf. As his last number of this series, the "Wu-hsien Folk Song" (Chinese) by Liu-Shih-An, was heard. Following these numbers two other pupils of Professor Chao Mei-Pa, Miss Chen Tsin-Tse and Miss Chang Tse-Ling, sang a duet from the Opera "Lakme" by Delibes, this being the first operatic number of this nature ever to be heard at the Grand.

The Fourth U.S. Marines Band under the direction of Assistant Bandmaster William R. Stuart opened the concert with the overture, "Poet And Peasant" by Suppe. Following the vocal selections, "The Desert Song" by Romberg was heard. This excellent programme of worship and concert closed with the Marines' Hymn and the American National Anthem.

In conducting the services, Chaplain R. R. Marken preached on the theme "The Woman Of The Shattered Romances." The Prelude, "O, God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand" by Hatton opened the morning programme.

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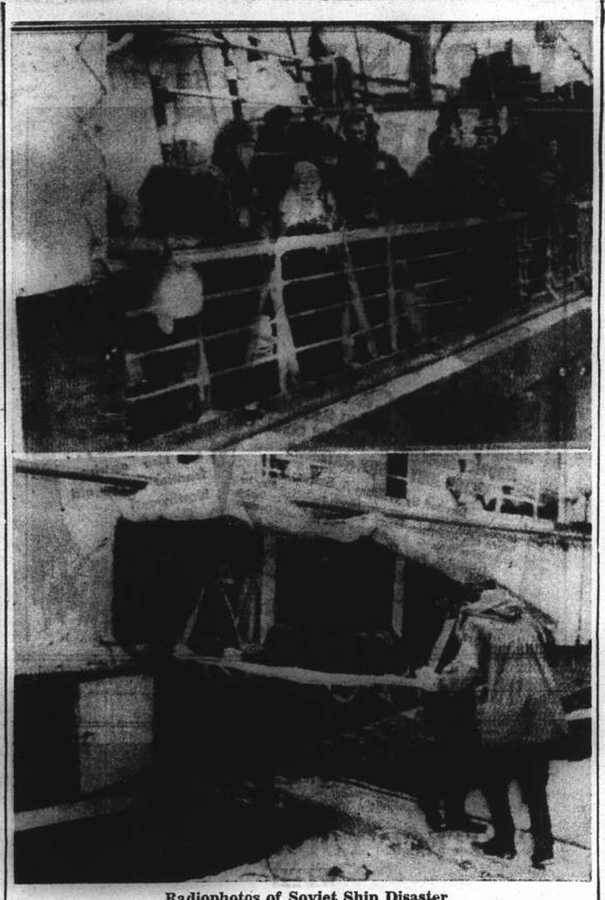

Radiophotos of Soviet Ship Disaster

Survivors of the ill-fated Soviet steamer Indigirka, which went aground off Northern Hokkaido in a snowstorm early last Tuesday, arriving at Otaru in the Japanese rescue ship, the Karafuto Maru. Of the 1,100 passengers and 39 crew, 405 were saved. Below, half-dead from exposure, this unfortunate passenger on the Indigirka is being carried ashore from the Japanese rescue ship at Otaru. These photographs, through the Press Union Photo service, were radioed from Otaru to Tokyo and flown to Shanghai.

Grandmother and Baby Missing

Japanese Police Searching For Aged Woman and Infant

Reported missing by her son, Mr. Rinzo Moriuchi, an employee of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company, Mrs. Soyu Moriuchi, 79-year-old and her grandson, Hiroshi, two years old, were being sought by the Japanese consular and naval authorities, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Mrs. Moriuchi left her home at 66 Ssutali, Scott Road, at 8 o'clock Friday morning with her grandson tied to her back in Japanese fashion.

At the time of her disappearance, Mrs. Moriuchi was wearing black Japanese clothing, while the child was covered with a purple guilted garment.

British War Prize in Chilean Port

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 17.

The Chilean Government granted the British Embassy request that the German merchant ship Dusseldorff, 4,930 tons, captured by British warships off the Chilean coast Friday, be allowed to put into a Chilean port as a prize of war, it was announced today.—United Press.

Singapore Naval Base Figures in Conference

Singapore, Dec. 17.

The Singapore naval base figured in ministerial discussions at London recently, Mr. R. G. Casey, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Mr. Peter Fraser, acting Prime Minister of New Zealand, said here yesterday.

Passing through Singapore by air, en route to Australia after attending ministerial conversations at London, the two men visited the Naval base here. They declared it was "heartening" to see what had been done to the Singapore base.—United Press.

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One Killed, Nine Injured on River

Chinese Fishermen Said To Have Been Fired on By Japanese Gunboat

Ten Chinese casualties were taken ashore yesterday morning from the Whangpoo River at Yangtszepoo, where they were landed from Woosung after an alleged encounter, during Saturday night, with a Japanese gunboat on the Yangtze River near Woosung. They had apparently been mistaken for pirates.

A Fire Brigade ambulance was first called to the Chemulpo Road Fish Market at 8.30 o'clock to remove seven Chinese injured. It was found, however, that one man was dead. The six wounded and one dead were taken in the ambulance to the Customs station at Lay Road, near by, where the Japanese authorities are said to have taken charge of them.

Three-quarters of an hour after the first call, another ambulance was summoned to the Chemulpo Road Fish Market, where three more injured Chinese had been landed from the river. Again, the casualties were conveyed only as far as the Customs station at Lay Road, where the Japanese again took charge of them.

It could not be ascertained at a late hour yesterday to which hospital the nine were taken. The seriousness of their wounds likewise was a matter of speculation.

While the Customs River Police and the Harbour Office both declined to comment on the affair, it was understood that the men were members of the crew of a Chinese fishing vessel and that they had been wounded when a Japanese gunboat opened fire on their craft after it had failed to heed a warning to stop.

Storage Plant Reopens

The cold storage plant of Messrs. Behr & Mathew, Ltd., 1267 Yangtszepoo Road, reopened yesterday morning after a brief shut-down. Three hundred and fifty hands returned to work.

Editors Union Official Still Being Detained

Nanking Road Kidnapping Involved Three Cars

Central Station detectives continued yesterday to investigate the kidnapping, on Saturday night, of Mr. Zung Shien-tsung, Secretary of the Chinese Editors' Union. Mr. Zung was abducted at 9.10 o'clock on Saturday evening in Nanking Road opposite the Chocolate Shop and spirited away in a car bearing the licence number 8021. According to a witness, two other cars followed closely behind the kidnappers' motor car as it drove towards The Bund.

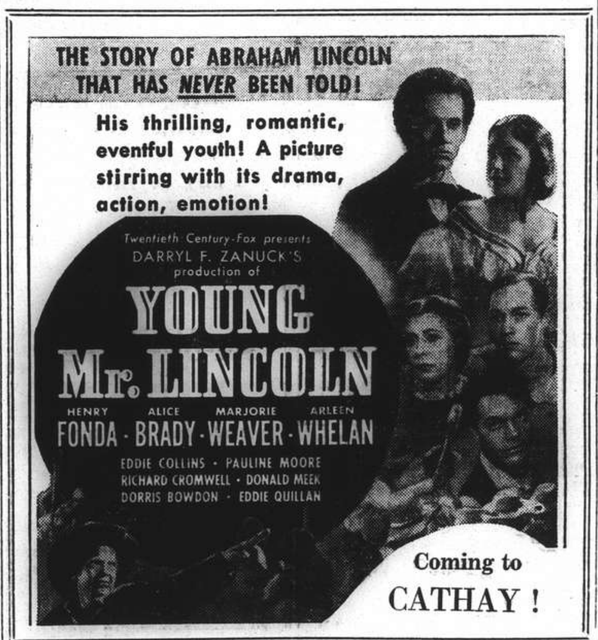
Mr. Zung was apparently approached by someone he knew at the time of the kidnapping. He made no outcry, and the crime was not reported to the police until nearly three hours later.

Mr. Heywood Broun Near Death in New York

New York, Dec. 16.

Mr. Heywood Broun, famous newspaper columnist and president of the American Newspaper Guild, was critically ill of pneumonia and a complicated heart condition at the Medical Centre, it was disclosed today. Mr. Broun was given only the slimmest chance to survive by his doctors.—United Press.

John Monk Saunders has sold Paramount and Producer Arthur Hornblow, jun., a sensational original story entitled "Battalion of Death," which will go into production at the earliest possible moment with a cast of major importance. Suggested by news dispatches from war menaced Paris, the story deals with the organization of a French "suicide corps" made up of men who have but a few more years to live and are ready to give those few more years recklessly in the service of their country. Joel McCrea, Ray Milland, Robert Preston, and Akim Tamiroff will head the production's cast.



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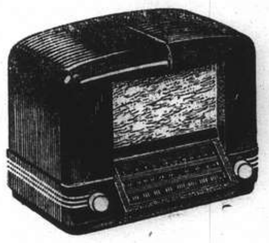

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Money & Exchange

Foreign Money Rates

London: Dec. 16.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 5/32%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0⅞%

New York:—Closed.—Reuter.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: closing Dec. 16.

Japan	80¾	London	1/5 31/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	29	„ (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	85½	„ (buyers)	1/6 1/64
		Japan	
		„ (sellers)	81⅞
		„ (buyers)	80⅞

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	4 13/16d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6 1/32*
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/3 3/32*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4 3/32*
Brussels	24.20	Yokohama	1/2 1/32
Madrid	38.50*	„ (buying)	1/2 1/16
Milan	77.00	Prague	—
Berne	17.80		

*—Unofficial Rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	87.375
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.19	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.23⅝	Shanghai	7.65
Brussels	16.62	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.45	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.83	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.33	Finland	1.95

London	3.94
„ Demand	3.93
„ Bankers' 60 days bills	3.93
„ Commercial 60 days bills	3.93
Buenos Aires Paper	Unq.
„ „ market, rate	22.65
Montreal on London	4.51¾

—Reuter.

Japanese Bond Issue Since 1937

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Japan's total bond issue since the outbreak of the conflict in China in July 1937 amounts to Y.10,662,000,000, the Ministry of Finance announced today. Eighty-two per cent. of the total issued has been absorbed, the Ministry claimed.

Out of the total, bonds issued in connection with the China conflict amounted to Y.8,402,000,000, while Y.15,340,000 worth were issued to cover a deficit in revenue, Y.458,000,000 in connection with the Manchurian Incident, Y.276,000,000 to cover various governmental expenditures. Savings banks underwrote Y.2,080,000,000, while Y.890,000,000 was offered to the public through post offices. A sydicate of leading banks underwrote Y.100,000,000 worth, the Bank of Japan Y.7,591,000,000. Of the latter, Y.3,231,048,000 was purchased by banks, Y.244,582,000 by insurance companies, Y.55,851,000 by trust companies, Y.1,268,033,000 by Government ministries, Y.627,420,000 by security dealers and Y.248,934,000 by others.—Domei.

London Money Market

London, Dec. 16.

In the money market during the past week, the rise in note circulation from £533,900,000 to £545,100,000 indicates the maintenance of the people's spending power, despite war conditions.

Borrowers now find that loans over the year-end are preferable to overnight money.

Discounts were inclined to harden and this week's offerings of £65,000,000 worth of Treasury bills were alloted at the average rate of £1:5:3d. against £1:4:6d. for the previous week.—Reuter.

U.S. Commodities

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 16.

The cotton market early advanced on trade and foreign buying, covering by shorts and a good spot demand. Later, prices further appreciated on professional and speculative buying, and the market finally closed firm, with quotations ranging from 6 to 15 points up, compared with the previous final levels.

Prices in the rubber market today early moderately eased on profit-taking and liquidation, but later rallied on shorts covering and outside and speculative buying. At the close, quotations ranged from 5 to 13 points up.

Wheat futures in Chicago today progressively advanced on commission house and foreign buying, the continuance of unfavourable weather reports, a good export demand and unfavourable Argentine crop reports. At the final bell, gains of 3⅝ cents were recorded.—Reuter.

New York Cotton

Jan. 11.15-15 +06
Mar. 10.96-97 +07
May 10.62-62 +07
July 10.24-24 +08
July (N.C.) 10.43 N +15
Oct. (N.C.) 9.75-75 +12
Dec. (N.C.) 9.65 N —

New York Rubber

Mar. 19.40-50 +05 B/A
May 19.08-08 +13
July 18.85-85 +13

N. Y. Sugar No. 3

Mar. 1.97-98 +2 B/A
May 2.02-03 +3 B/A
Sept. 2.07-08 +3 B/A

N. Y. Sugar No. 4

Mar. 1.68-68½ +7½ B/A
May 1.68½-69 +7 B/A
Sept. 1.70-70½ +7 B/A

Chicago Wheat

May 105-105¼ +3⅝
July 103⅛103⅜ +3⅝

Chicago Corn

May 58⅛-58¼ +1¼

Winnipeg Wheat

May 89-89⅛ +1⅞

New York Silk No. 1

Dec. Closed

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in carload lots (25 tons), f.o.b. New York, duty paid 16½ cts. per lb. unchanged; Tin, Straits, c.i.f. New York (25 tons lots) 50¼ cts. per lb. Unc. Copper, Electrolytic, first hand per lb. 12½ cts. unc.—Reuter.

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Dec. 16.

New high levels for the past ten years were recorded on the Bombay cotton market during the past week, with business on a broader scale, than since the upward movement began.

Calcutta liquidation was recently a prominent feature, but it was mostly taken up by broad foreign buying, most of which consisted of reversal straddles.

While cotton was formerly under the leadership of jute and stocks, it has now assumed its own, drawing inspiration largely from the Alexandria markets.

Some business was booked for the Far East last week, while the turnover in "spots" was fairly well maintained by the demand from domestic mills.

The crop movement is underway in the Oomra districts, but hedge-selling was absorbed by the surge of speculation.—Reuter.

Bombay Silver Stocks

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Stocks of Silver in Bombay on December 16, compared with the two previous weeks:—

Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	
30,000	35,000	30,000	Bars.

N.B.—The above figures include both English Bar and Indian Mint Silver.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 16.

Extremely dull and featureless conditions prevailed on Wall Street today, values finishing the day with fractional losses.

Steels early ruled firm, but later reacted on the estimate that next week's operating capacity will be slightly lower. Other market favourities remained steady, with the undertone good.

Meanwhile, business news continues to be cheerful, while tax selling has diminished.

The volume of trading was light, amounting to 340,000 shares for the morning.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Charges
30 Indust.	149.80	149.04	149.36	—0.28
20 Rails	31.87	31.71	31.78	—0.03
15 Utilit.	25.00	24.84	24.86	—0.06
40 Bonds	—	—	88.29	—1.03
11 Commod.	—	—	63.70	+1.00

Dec.	15	16	Dec.	15	16
Adams Exp	8¼	8⅛	Jones & L	69	68
Alg Lud Stl	22⅜	22⅝	Kennecott	38	38
Alld Stores	9	9⅛	Lak F & M	4	3⅞
Allis Chal	40⅝	40⅝	Libbey O F	49⅜	50
Alumin Ld	97	*95¼	Lockheed	32	31
Amer Can	113	113	Loews	33⅛	33⅛
Am Cyan B	33	33¼	Mack Trks	28⅛	28⅛
Am For Pr	2	2	Martin G	40⅝	40
„ $7 pfd	26	25½	McK & R	*16⅛	*16⅜
Am G & E	38¾	38	Monsanto	106⅛	106⅛
Am Loco	22¼	*22½	Mont Ward	54⅜	54⅞
Am Metal	23¼	23	Nat Avian	13⅜	13⅛
Am Radtr	9½	9½	Nat City B	*28⅛	*29⅛
Am R Mill	16⅞	16⅞	Nat Dairy	15⅛	15⅞
Am Smltg	51⅜	52⅜	Nat Distrs	23⅛	23⅛
Am Sug R	21⅛	20⅞	Nat Gyp	11⅛	11⅛
Am T & T	168⅜	168⅜	Nat Lead	20	20⅛
Am Tob B	83⅝	83¼	Nat P & L	8⅛	8⅛
Am Wtrwks	11	11	Nat Steel	70⅛	70⅛
Anaconda	30¼	31	Nat Supply	9	8⅞
Atchison	24⅜	24⅜	N Y Cent	18⅞	18⅞
Auburn	2½	2⅛	Niag Hud	6⅜	6⅛
Bald Loco	17⅜	17⅜	N A Avian	25⅞	26
B & Ohio	5⅜	5⅜	N Am Co	22	22
Barber	14⅞	14⅜	N Pacific	9⅛	9
Barns Oil	12⅛	12⅜	O I Glass	63	*62
Bendix	30⅛	30	Pac G & E	32⅞	33
Beth Steel	83⅛	83⅜	Pac Lightg	47⅛	*47⅛
Bliss	15⅛	15	Packard	3⅛	3⅛
Boeing	23	22⅞	Paramount	7⅞	7⅛
Borg Warn	24⅝	24⅝	Penn R R	22⅛	22⅞
Briggs	22⅞	22⅛	Phelps D	41⅛	41⅜
Bkn-M Tr	14⅜	14⅜	P & R Coal	*0⅜	*0⅜
„ $6 pfd	50⅝	49⅜	Phil Pet	38⅞	39
Budd Mfg	5⅜	5⅛	Pitts C & I	8⅜	*8⅜
Can Pac	4⅞	4⅞	P S of NJ	40⅛	*40⅛
Case JI	72¼	27¼	Pullman	33⅛	33
Celanese	28⅛	28⅛	Pure Oil	8⅛	8
Chase N B	*36¼	*36½	Radio	5⅛	5⅛
Ches & O	40⅛	40⅛	Reading	16⅛	*16⅛
Chrysler	89⅞	89⅜	„ 1st pfd	*25⅛	25⅛
Clim Mlyb	39⅜	39⅜	Rem Arms	*5	*5
Colts	82	*82	Rep Avian	5⅞	5⅜
Col G & E	6⅛	6⅛	Rep Steel	23⅜	23⅛
„ 6% pfd	84⅝	85	Rev C & B	*14⅛	14⅛
Com Cred	45	44⅛	Rey Tob B	37⅛	37⅜
Com & Sth	1⅛	1⅛	Richfield	8	8
Cons Edis	30	29⅞	Safeway	47⅛	47
Cons Oil	7⅛	7⅛	Schenley	12	11⅜
Cont Can	42	42	Sears Roeb	82⅛	82⅜
Cont Oil	23⅜	23⅜	Shell U Oil	12⅛	12⅛
Copwld St	17⅜	17	Soc-Vac	11⅞	12
Corn Prod	62⅝	63	Sthrn Pac	15	14⅞
Curtis Wr	10⅛	10⅜	Sthrn Rly	34⅛	34⅛
„ A	28⅛	28⅛	Sperry	45⅜	45⅛
Deere & Co	23⅞	23⅞	Spicer	32	*32
Dist Cpn S	16⅛	16⅛	Std Brands	5⅛	5⅛
Douglas	80⅜	81⅛	Std G & E	2⅛	2⅛
Du Pont	179⅛	179⅛	Std Oil C	24⅜	24⅞
Eag P Lead	11⅛	11⅜	Std Oil N.J.	43⅛	43⅛
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„ $5 pfd	58⅛	57	Techniclr	13⅞	14
„ $5 pfd.	66⅛	66⅛	Tex Cpn	43⅛	43⅛
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Flintkote	20⅜	20⅜	Transamer	6	6
Gen Am Tr	54⅛	*54⅛	Tw Cent F	12⅛	12
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Gen Motor	54⅛	54	Un Carbide	87	87
Gen Ry Sig	18⅛	18⅜	Un Pacific	97⅛	*96
Gen T & R	22⅛	22⅛	Un Aircraft	46	45⅜
Glidden	17⅛	17⅛	Un Air L	15⅛	15⅛
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„ $5 pfd	66	65⅛	Un C pfd	38⅛	38
Goodyear	23⅜	23⅜	Un Gas	1⅜	1⅜
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Gt N Rly	27⅛	28	US Ind Al	*21⅛	*21⅛
Gt W Sugar	29⅜	29⅛	US Rubber	42⅛	41⅜
Greyhound	16⅛	16⅞	„ 8% pfd	111	110
Herc Pow	89⅛	90	US Steel	68	67⅞
Homestake	60	60⅛	Vanadium	34⅞	34
Int Harv	62⅛	62⅜	Walworth	6⅛	*6⅛
Int Nickel	35⅜	36⅛	War Br Pic	3⅜	3⅜
Int T & T	4⅛	4⅛	West Elec	115⅛	114⅜
Johns Man	75⅛	75	Woodward	24	*23⅜

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Amer. & For. Power	62	61½
Baltimore & Ohio	26	*26
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	16¾	16⅞
„ „ 6½% 1957	14¼	14
Cities Serv.	89¾	89⅛
Erie R.R. 6s	15¼	15¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	43¼	43⅝
New England Gas	67⅛	*63
Republic of Colombia 6s	34½	34¼
„	34⅜	34
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	47¼	47
Stand. Gas & Clec.	67	67

*—Bid †—Ex Div. ‡—Corrected.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices today moved irregular in light trading, while in the commodity markets wheat provided the main feature with a jump exceeding two cents. Steel shares ruled firm in the early trading but eased when reports indicated another decline in the operating rate. The steel scrap price declined 50 cents per ton in Pittsburgh. Automobile issues lost small early gains, while coppers, utilities and rails remained about steady. Business news was featured by reports that steel mills in Chicago next week are scheduled to operate at 89.7 per cent. of capacity, while Pittsburgh will operate at 91.5 per cent.

Indian-Japanese Trade Agreement

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Fair progress was made at the conversations for a revision of an Indian-Japanese trade agreement which were opens in New Delhi Oct. 26, authoritative sources disclosed here today.

The sixth meeting of Indian and Japanese delegates was scheduled to take place after Christmas, probably early next year, these sources said.

The Indian delegation, on Nov. 21, presented a formal proposal for a revised agreement. On Dec. 8, at the fifth meeting of delegates, the Japanese principles for such an accord were disclosed for the first time.—Domei.

Hollywood's "most perfect complexion" belongs to Ingrid Bergman, lovely Scandinavian film star, recently imported for American pictures, two of Southern California's leading dermatologists declared yesterday after a survey of all the beauties currently in Hollywood films. Brought to their attention by Gregory Ratoff, director, and Monty Westmore, makeup expert assigned to Selznick International's "Intermezzo," starring Leslie Howard with Miss Bergman, the foreign film star's complexion was subjected to a dozen tests before the appellation, "perfect" was given it. Her complexion was classified as "Nordic Translucent.'

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Statistical Data Concerning Leading Stocks

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Name of Stock (No par value except where indicated)		Dividends: Annual rate $	Dividends: Date of 1st quarterly payment	Book value	Earnings or Deficits: 5 yr Average 1928-30	1936	1937	1938	Yieldonbasis of price in %
Adams Express	..	0.10†	Irregular	14	—	0.50	0.62	0.16	1
Allegheny Ludlum Steel	..	0.50	Irregular	21	—	2.13	2.10	D 1.04	2
Allis Chalmers	..	1.25	Irregular	32	—	2.27	4.42	1.44	3
American can	25	4	Feb. 15	46	6.29	5.80	6.08	4.35	4
Am. and Foreign Power	..	—	—	—	1.43	D 9.45	D 8.77	D 8.66	nil
Am. and For.P. $7 cum.Pref.		—	—	10	23.49	5.84	7.11	6.83	nil
Am. Locomotive	..	—	—	6	4.20	D 1.71	4.75	D 4.90	nil
Am. Radiator	..	0.30†	Irregular	11	1.84	0.70	0.68	D 0.08	3
Am. Rolling Mill	..	—	—	28	2.46	2.25	2.55	D 1.16	nil
American Smelting	..	2†	Feb. 28	35	7.27	6.85	6.54	3.24	4
Am. Tel. and Tel.	100	9	Jan. 15	127	1.30	9.89	9.76	8.32	5
Am. Tob. "B"	35	5	Mar. 1	24	6.00	3.71	5.04	4.89	6
Am. Waterworks	..	—	—	10	2.80	1.52	1.14	0.38	nil
Anaconda Copper	50	1.25	Irregular	58	4.97	1.83	3.62	1.10	4
Atch., Top. & S. Fe	100	—	—	260	19.16	1.56	0.60	0.83	—
Auburn Automobiles	..	—	—	28	9.72	D 6.67	D15.00	D 1.73	nil
Baltimore and Ohio	100	—	—	26	11.36	0.85	D 1.20	D 6.04	nil
Barber Asphalt	(10)	0.25	Irregular	32	—	1.14	1.91	D 0.85	—
Barnsdall Oil	5	1	Feb. 1	8	—	1.01	0.85	1.26	8
Bethlehem Steel	..	1.50†	Irregular	117	7.06	2.09	7.63	D 0.70	2
Boeing Airplane	5	—	—	10	—	0.32	0.45	D 0.77	nil
Borg-Warner	5	1.10	Irregular	16	—	3.57	3.63	D 0.01	4
Bklyn. Manh. Tran.	..	—	—	79	6.78	0.30	4.09	D 1.25	nil
Canadian Pacific Rly.	25	—	—	40	3.11	0.04	0.30	D 0.32	nil
Case, J. I.	100	5†	Irregular	54	14.53	12.36	13.98	8.89	7
Chase Nat. Bank	13.55	1.40	F.A. 1	32	4.04	2.24	2.03	—	3
Chesapeake & Ohio.	25	2†	Jan. 1	51	5.67	5.72	4.43	2.62	5
Chrysler	5	5.25†	Irregular	40	4.69	14.25	11.66	4.32	6
Columbia Gas and Electric.		—	—	16	2.08	0.53	0.57	0.31	—
Commercial Credit	10	4.00	Mar. 31,	29	—	6.08	7.10	4.60	9
Commonwealth & Southern		—	—	5	0.67	0.13	0.18	0.08	nil
Consolidated Edison	..	2	Mar. 15	52	4.50	2.32	2.17	2.09	7
Consolidated Oil	..	0.80	Feb. 15	18	—	1.18	1.48	0.55	11
Continental Oil	..	1	Jan. 30	17	0.64	1.78	2.97	1.00	4
Corn Products	25	3	Jan. 20	34	4.41	3.86	2.52	3.17	5
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	..	2	Mar. 15	21	nil	2.42	3.95	3.75	12
Douglas Aircraft	..	3	Irregular	21	1.50	1.74	1.90	3.76	4
Dupont de Nemours	10	5.25†	Mar. 15	42	5.17	7.54	7.27	3.75	3
Eagle Picher Lead	10	0.20†	Irregular	14	—	0.74	0.40	—	2
Electric Bond & Share	5	—	—	21	2.15	0.17	0.42	0.18	nil
Elec. Bond & Share $6 Pref.		6	Feb. 1	30	—	6.42	7.31	—	9
Flintkote	..	0.60	—	13	—	1.75	1.50	1.21	3
General Electric	..	0.95†	Jan. 25	11	1.81	1.52	2.21	0.90	2
General Motors	10	3†	Mar. 12	19	4.83	5.36	4.38	2.17	6
General Railway Signal	..	—	—	16	7.99	0.17	1.58	D 0.85	nil
Glidden	..	—	—	22	—	3.29	2.62	D 0.29	nil
Goodrich Rubber	..	—	—	24	2.09	4.03	D 2.25	0.14	nil
Goodyear Tire and Rubber		1†	Irregular	27	5.12	3.90	1.95	1.34	4
Great Northern Ry. Pfd.	..	—	—	157	9.47	3.99	4.04	1.09	nil
Greyhound	..	1.10†	Jan. 1	9	D0.16	1.50	1.59	1.43	6
Int. Nickel	..	2*	Mar. 30	14	0.85	2.40	3.31	2.09	6
Int. Tel. and Tel.	..	—	—	30	3.45	0.63	1.60	1.10	nil
Kennecott	..	2	Mar. 30	54	3.67	2.36	4.60	2.10	5
Loew's Inc.	..	3†	Mar. 30	34	6.71	6.73	8.47	4.65	9
Montgomery Ward	..	1.25†	Apr. 15	26	2.51	3.63	3.41	3.50	2
Nat. City Bank N.Y.	12½	1	F. A. 1	25	4.12	2.10	2.00	—	3
Nat. Dairy Products	..	0.80	Jan. 2	12	3.58	2.01	1.53	1.69	5
National Distillers	..	2	Feb. 1	21	—	3.81	3.86	3.85	8
Nat. Power and Light	..	0.60	Mar. 1	22	1.74	0.99	1.36	1.28	7
New York Central	..	—	—	142	12.63	1.79	0.99	D 3.13	nil
North Am. Aviation	1	1.40	Irregular	2	—	0.001	0.14	0.55	6
North American Co.	10	1.20	Jan. 2	21	4.47	1.74	1.95	1.55	5
Pacific Gas and Electric	25	2	Jan. 16	30	2.83	2.55	2.71	2.47	6
Pacific Lighting	..	3*	Feb. 15	19	2.70	3.88	4.10	4.18	6
Packard Motors	..	—	—	3	1.11	0.47	0.20	D 0.12	nil
Paramount Pictures	1	0.15	—	17	—	1.18	1.96	0.84	2
Pennsylvania Railroad	50	1	Irregular	89	7.01	2.94	2.07	0.84	4
Phillips Petroleum	..	2	Mar. 1	58	3.69	4.02	5.42	2.03	5
Public Service of N.J.	..	2.40	Mar. 30	[illegible]	3.15	2.80	2.61	2.34	6
Pure Oil	..	0.25†	Irregular	22	1.77	1.63	2.15	0.38	3
Radio Corp.	..	0.20	Irregular	[illegible]	1.32	0.21	0.41	0.30	4
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	..	2	Jan. 1	4	3.04	2.93	2.82	2.37	5
Schenley	5	—	—	45	—	7.05	5.04	2.46	nil
Sears Roebuck	..	4.25	Mar. 16	30	5.03	5.60	5.58	4.18	5
Socony Vacuum Corp.	15	0.50†	M. S. 15	44	—	1.38	1.82	1.29	4
Southern Pacific	100	—	—	123	10.19	3.84	0.20	D 1.81	nil
Standard Brands	..	0.47½	Jan. 2	90	1.53	1.11	0.73	0.62	8
Standard Gas & Electric	..	—	—	4	6.59	D 0.99	D 0.86	D 2.23	nil
Standard Oil of N.J.	25	1.25*	J. D. 15	0	3.47	3.73	5.64	2.86	2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	..	2	Mar. 15	49	5.21	2.56	3.02	1.81	6
Union Carbide & Carbon	..	1.90†	Jan. 2	15	3.40	4.14	4.81	2.77	2
Union Pacific Railway	100	6	Jan. 2	38	17.53	8.20	6.15	6.62	6
United Aircraft	5	2	Irregular	8	—	0.76	1.52	2.05	4
United Airlines	5	—	—	7	—	0.26	D 0.52	D 0.66	nil
United Corp.	..	—	—	2	0.55	0.19	0.22	0.07	nil
United Gas Improvement	..	1	Mar. 23	11	1.29	1.09	1.09	0.99	7
U.S. Rubber	10	—	—	24	nil	3.31	2.21	0.43	nil
U.S. Steel	..	—	—	147	12.90	2.91	8.01	D 3.79	nil
Vanadium	..	1†	Irregular	29	4.59	0.40	2.22	0.61	3
Warner Bros. Pictures	..	—	—	18	1.84	0.75	1.48	0.41	nil
Westinghouse Elec.	6.50	3.50	Feb. 28	70	7.22	5.67	7.53	3.38	3

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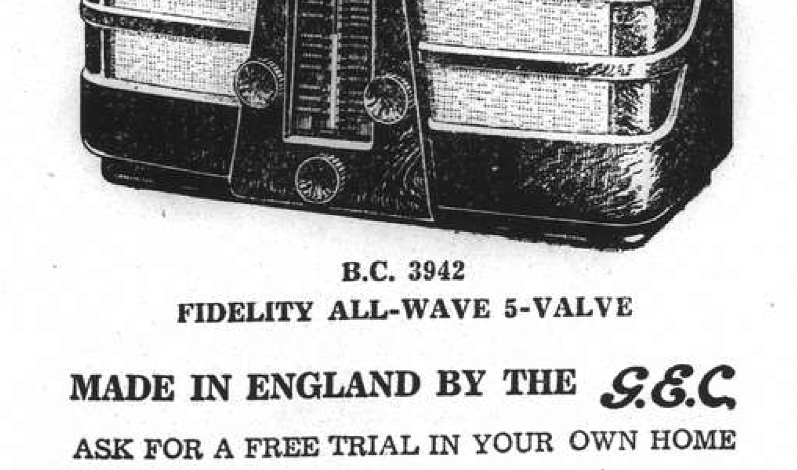

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SHANGHAI MARU	Dec. 21	Dec. 22 at 9 a.m.
NAGASAKI MARU	Dec. 23	Dec. 24 at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI MARU	Dec. 26	Dec. 27 at 9 a.m.

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TAIYO MARU Dec. 30 ..... Jan. 2
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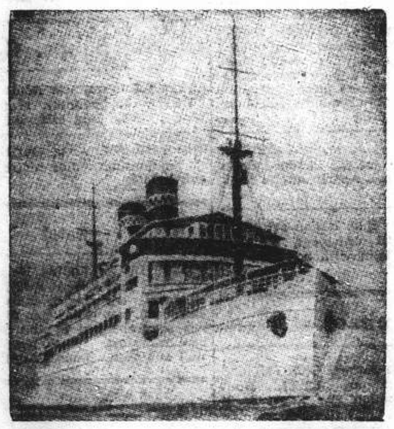

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From SOERABAYA: Tjibadak, with mail, due 9 a.m., Holt's Wharf, Pootung.

From NAGASAKI: Nagasaki Maru, with mail, due p.m., Wayside Wharf.

From DAIREN: Tsingtao Maru, with mail, due 2-3 p.m., Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA
C. B'camano 23/11 20/12
Victoria 11/12 5/1

From TRIESTE
Cortellazzo 28/10 24/12
Fusijama 21/11 10/1

From PORT SAID
Victoria 15/12 5/1

From BOMBAY
Cortelazzo 24/11 24/12

From SINGAPORE
Boissevain 16/12 23/12
Cortelazzo 6/12 24/12

From SOERABAYA
Tjitjalengka 8/12 25/12

From MANILA
P. Cleveland 13/12 19/12
C. B'camano 16/12 20/12
Tjitjajalengka 17/12 25/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Vigrid 10/10 25/12
M. Maersk 10/11 26/12
L. Maersk 25/11 10/1
A. Maersk 9/12 24/1

From LOS ANGELES
M. Maersk 1/12 26/12
P. Coolidge 11/12 2/1
L. Maersk 16/12 10/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
P. Coolidge 17/12 2/1

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From NAGASAKI
Shanghai M. 20/12 21/12

From KEELUNG
Hukuken M. 23/12 25/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Boissevain 15/11 23/12
Tegelberg 15/12 22/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Dairen M. 19/12 21/12

Vessels Leaving

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AMERICA

TALISMAN Dec. 19. LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL.—Barber-Wilhelmsen Line motor vessel Talisman sails from Shanghai on December 19, accepting cargo for all Overland Points Dodwell & Co., Ltd:—Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 19-12

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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL
Hakone Maru 28/12
Kasima Maru 5/1

For GENOA
C. B'camano 22/12
C. Verde 21/1

For OSLO
Tai Ping 22/12

For CAPETOWN
Boissevain 25/12

For BOMBAY
Kaisyo Maru 20/12

For CALCUTTA
Delagoa Maru 23/12

For JAVA
Tjibadak 21/12
Tjitjalengka 28/12

For MANILA
P. Coolidge 3/1

For NEW YORK
Talisman 19/12
G. Maersk 1/1
Nagara Maru 8/1
H. Maersk 15/1

For San FRANCISCO
P. Cleveland 20/12
Tatuta Maru 26/12
P. Pierce 2/1
P. Coolidge 16/1
P. Taft 29/1

For YOKOHAMA
Hakozaki Maru 30/12

For KOBE
Taiyo Maru 30/12

For NAGASAKI
Nagasaki Maru 19/12
Shanghai Maru 22/12

For DAIREN
Tsingtao Maru 20/12
Dairen Maru 23/12
Hoten Maru 26/12
Tsingtao Maru 29/12

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

STRAITS AND EUROPE

TAI PING Dec. 22. ADEN, PORTSAID, OSLO, GOTHENBURG and COPENHAGEN via JAPAN and STRAITS.—Motorship Tai Ping of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai for the abovementioned ports on or about December 22. For freight or passage please apply to the agents Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 22-12

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Dec. 25. MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK (Koh-Si-Chang), SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Monday, December 25. Cargo accepted for all ports in South and East Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. No. 16247 (4 Lines). 25-12

Vessels Discharging

ANTILOCHUS. From Liverpool arrived on Dec. 16, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on December 25, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, December 20, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 19-12

TILAWA. The British-India S. N. Co.'s s.s. Tilawa, from Calcutta and Ports.—This steamer is berthing at Nos. 14-15 Buoys and her cargo will be discharged at the Hongkew Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Hongkew Wharf on Friday, December 22, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 19-12

Post Office Notices

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

MONDAY, December 18.		Reg.	Ord.
Formosa via Keelung	X	*19.00	7.30
Tsingtao		9.30	10.00
Minhow Foochow via Sankiangkow	X	13.30	14.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
Tsingtao Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin		19.30	20.00
Chefoo and Tientsin		19.30	20.00
Amoy Swatow and Hongkong		19.30	20.00
Minhow Foochow via Amoy		19.30	20.00
TUESDAY, December 19.			
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai	X	8.30	9.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		13.30	14.00
Japan Honolulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	AX	17.00	19.00
Central American and Canal Zone	BXZ	—	—
Indo-China (Z) via Haiphong	CZ	—	—
Hongkong and Haiphong		19.30	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Honolulu and U.S.A., closes at 16.00 on 19th.
B Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 19th.
C Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 19th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on December 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on January 3.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on Dec. 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on January 2.
Air France per steamer on December 22, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00, at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.
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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 3.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia are despatched on every Tuesday and Friday per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Dec. 19, due L'don Jan. 22.
Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 22, due L'don Jan. 20.

Weather, Time and Tide

Monday, December 18, 1939 (8th day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI Dec. 16 16.00	Dec. 16 21.00	Dec. 17 4.00	Dec. 17 9.00
Barometer inches	30.34	30.41	30.42	30.47
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.02	+0.09	+0.10	+0.08
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	+0.02	+0.02	+0.08	+0.06
Wind (direction)	WNW	NW	NNW	N
" (miles per hour)	11.2	1.9	6.2	5.6
Temperature (Fahr.)	52.7°	37.9°	37.6°	47.1°
Humidity %	49	92	88	77
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	0	0	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 16	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.36	—0.03	30.30
Temp. Min. 38.°3 Max. 58.°8	48.°6	+2.°0	42.°1
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	—	44.60

Time and Tide	18/12	19/12	20/12	21/12	22/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.47	6.47	6.48	6.48	6.48
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.54	16.54	16.55	16.55	16.56
Moon rises at Shanghai	11.24	11.57	12.30	13.05	13.42
Moon sets at Shanghai	23.40	—	0.32	1.25	2.20
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	14.48	16.00	17.38	6.27	7.17
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	8.05	9.20	10.48	12.09	13.10
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	17.05	5.55	6.55	8.35	9.25
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	6.49	6.18	6.85	7.20	7.40

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SHANGHAI-TSINGTAO-DAIREN LINE

	Arrival.	Departure.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 18	Dec. 20 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Dec. 21	Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU	Dec. 24	Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 27	Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Dec. 30	Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MAIU	Jan. 1	Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.

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SANTOS MARU ..... Dec. 23
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For Bombay
HAVANA MARU ..... Dec. 28
SUMATRA MARU .... Jan. 26
For Calcutta
ARGUN MARU ..... Jan. 12
BORNEO MARU ..... Jan. 24

Nagasaki Sailings
For Manila, Cebu and Davao

Keelung Sailings
For Haiphong, Saigon and Bangkok
SAIGON MARU ..... Feb. 3

Kobe Sailings
For European Ports via New York
For Australia and New Zealand
CANBERRA MARU ..... Dec. 29
TOKYO MARU ..... Jan. 31
For West Africa
*ALASKA MARU ..... Jan. 14

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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
H. Kiangnan	T'senkong	Foo Hwa
Myogi M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Heini	Hsinkong	Ship. Agency
Lipari	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Hwaping	T'lungkong	Hwa Chung
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Tonjer	C'wangtao	K.M.A.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Chingning M.	Jap	T.K.K.
Haikong	Ger.	Ger. Machine
Jean Laborde	Fr.	M.M.
Gran	Pan.	Wallem
Yoneyama M.	Jap.	Y.K.K.
Hoten M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Shanghai M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Remo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Korea	Dan.	E. Asiatic
H. Kiangnan	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Tainan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Daikokusan M.	Jap.	Showa S.S.
Tembien	Ital.	C.I.N.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	C.N.C.B. 1/E
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	16 P'toon

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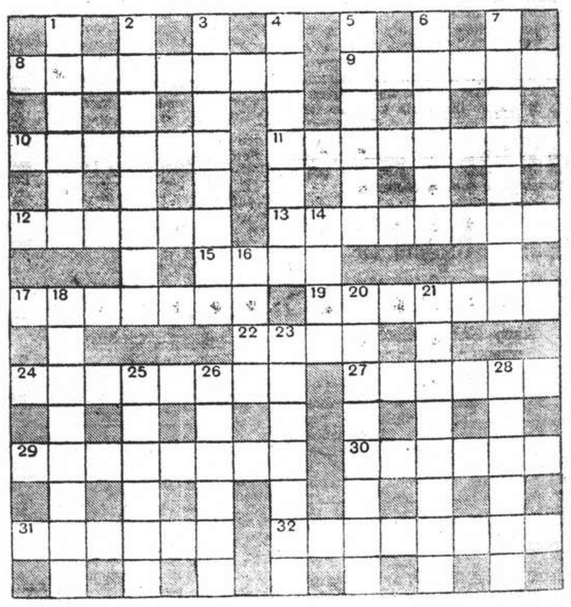

ACROSS
8 Can A.R.P. officials be said to be on light duty in this?
9 A cheering word, this
10 Starting with height, and all hot
11 It was not the beverage in it that made the reveller this
12 To think of it is idle speculation
13 No doubt it fell on the village smithy
15 The cry of an old time hunter
17 One may be much exercised to seek it
19 Does the baker consider his dozen this
22 Either end of leisure for learning
24 Pre-examination routine
27 Insect that told a tribe to go
29 Find a circular plate on top
30 A common bond of Empire, but there can be only one end to it
31 Shows what comes of a striking match
32 Scene of a great exploit in the last war (two words)

DOWN
1 There goes the last wicket! (two words)
2 Iron cops in venomous form
3 Nice name for prominent headland, or quality for prominent sailor
4 Loyal
5 Little Charles makes a virtuous start
6 Full of enthusiasm but with final depression
7 Having this is being 19 across (two words)
14 There is a second division of it
16 An interesting city, so up and behold
18 No, this is not where sheep are fed to produce frozen mutton
20 It has no significance
21 On the move, not necessarily in a subway (two words)
23 Without any security (two words)
25 No mice can make it, and men who can do so just now are not 19 across
26 To do so may give one some sort of interest
28 Vehicle

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 5, Paddle; 8, Courtier; 9, Really; 10, Raincoat; 11, Mock; 14, Before you leap; 19, Anent; 22, Dreamer; 23, Grieg; 25, Bread and honey; 31, Susa; 33, Overflow; 34, Absurd; 35, Clear out; 36, Breezy. DOWN: 1, Borage; 2, Franco; 3, Big one; 4, Grotto; 5, Parcel; 6, Dead man; 7, Lilac; 12, Open; 13, Kite; 15, Ridge; 16, Yield; 17, Unman; 18, Earth; 20, Eggs; 21, Ribs; 24, Erasure; 26, All day; 27, At once; 28, Dieted; 29, On fire; 30, Exodus; 32, Umber.

SOLUTION OF SUNDAY CROSS WORD No. 528

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Comment Follows Ciano's Speech

Failure to Mention Soviet Aggression Noted; No Baltic Ambitions

Rome, Dec. 17.

Rome today buzzes with comment and counter comment on the speech delivered yesterday evening by Count Galeazzo Ciano, Foreign Minister, who reaffirmed Italian neutrality in the European War and stated that the Rome-Berlin axis still stand unbroken.

Count Ciano's address generally was declared to be well-balanced in its expose of Italian foreign policy as it was established before German invasion of Poland.

When Count Ciano and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, concluded the Milan military alliance earlier this year, it was agreed that war would not be provoked for at least three years. Italy therefore was surprised when Reichsfuehrer Hitler declined any compromise with Poland and loosed the dogs of war.

In his speech yesterday, Count Ciano clearly showed that the outbreak of war was contrary to Italian intentions. For one thing, his mention of the "considerable wear" of Italy's war machine in the Ethiopian and Spanish struggles showed Italy's desire for peace. Moreover, although he emphasized that Italy is prepared for anything, he also declared that it will take three years at least before the Italian armed forces again reach that peak of strength which the Government aims at.

Knew Nothing of Poland

The fact that Count Ciano made not the slightest reference to German-Soviet division of the spoils in Poland was admitted in many quarters as confirmation of earlier reports that Italy knew nothing of this decision until it was executed.

Special importance was attached to the stateman's declaration that Italy does not at present desire the formation of a neutral Balkan bloc. Surprise also was caused by the fact that he limited himself to mention of Italian interests in Danubian and Balkan Europe, and nis complete glossing-over of the Finnish-Soviet conflict.

Seeking to explain this seemingly strange silence, fascist circles declared Italy has no direct interests in the Baltic and "does not wish to tread on Germany's toes" especially since the much-rumoured Soviet threat in the south-east to date has failed to materialize.

It was pointed out in all quarters that the Foreign Minister refrained from direct mention of the Allies or the new blockade of German exports, only stating discreetly that Italy is determined to protect her interest and prestige.—Havas.

Speech Disappoints Washington

Washington, Dec. 16.

The speech made by the Italian Foreign Minister, in Rome today caused only a certain amount of disappointment here, for he notably failed to mention Soviet aggression against Finland.

Count Ciano's silence on this subject, keenly followed in the U.S., was taken to mean that Italy at present will do nothing to trouble her relations with Germany.—Havas.

Comment on Ciano's Speech

London, Dec. 17.

Informed quarters in London regard the speech made yesterday by Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, as "very interesting," particularly his references to events leading up to the war. The full text is eagerly awaited so that it may be examined in extenso.

Count Ciano's friendly words for the Balkans and Hungary were noted with particular interest, and observers here were glad to see he had friendly words for every one of these states.

It is hoped that this attitude will help consolidate peace in these areas, which is Great Britain's objective as well as Italy's. The speech, it was also observed, was strongly anti-Bolshevist in tone.—Reuter.

Japanese Diplomatic Changes

Many Shifts Among Junior Personnel of Service

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

Extensive changes were ordered yesterday in Japan's diplomatic personnel as Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Foreign Minister, assigned to overseas posts a majority of the junior officials who took a prominent part in the recent Gaimusho "strike" over the question of the proposed creation of a Ministry of Foreign Trade.

Mr. Toyokichi Fukuoka was appointed Consul-General at Wellington, N.Z., while Mr. Motoichiro Omori was sent to Buenes Aires to serve as secretary and concurrently consul. Mr. Rokuzo Yaguchi was assigned to The Hague as a secretary of legation. Mr. Akira Matsui was named secretary of the Japanese Legation in Canada, while Mr. Morio Aoki was sent to Paris, and Mr. Jiro Takase to Brussels in the same capacity. Mr. Kiichi Gunji, Consul-General at Wellington, was transferred to Honolulu, T. H.—Domei.

Lesson Sermon

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Is the Universe, including man, evolved by atomic force? is the subject of the Lesson Sermon read in all Churches of Christ Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, December 17. Golden Text:—Psalms 145:10,11. "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power." Among the citations which comprise the Lesson Sermon is the following from The Bible:—"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." (Hosea 10:12.)

The Lesson Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Spiritually to understand that there is but one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scriptures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain, and of men deathless and perfect and eternal."

Mr. Attlee Against Isolationism

London, Dec. 16.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, stressed the need for world social justice after the war, speaking at a conference in Durham today. Declaring that it was essential that an enduring peace should follow, Mr. Attlee said:

"We stand in defence of principles. We want to secure world freedom and social justice. No good trade unionist can be an isolationist, and we must stand or fall together with other peoples. That is my answer to those people who ask why we meddle in Continental affairs," the Labour leader concluded. — Wireless through Reuter.

Soviet Russia Must Import Oil

Country Unable to Meet Own Requirements

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.

Soviet Russia not only cannot export oil, but even will have to import it, the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courtant" reported today.

It pointed out that at the last Communist Party Congress in Moscow, the Party urged serious economies in the use of fuel, proposed to use "ersatz" fuel, stated that exports of oil would be forbidden in the future and disclosed that the Foreign Trade Commissariat would try to import oil and petrol from the United States and the British Empire.—Havas.

U.S. Ships May Resume Italian Service

Washington and Manhattan To Ply with Rome

New York, Dec. 16.

The United States Maritime Commission, it is officially announced, will probably issue a formal order on Monday authorising the trans-Atlantic liners Washington and Manhattan to operate between New York and Italy.

The Commission indicated that it was willing to allow these ships to ply in the Mediterranean provided an agreement was worked out with other lines already serving in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

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Suwa Maru Begins Home Journey

Hazardous Journey Past Mine-fields Completed; Passengers Thrilled

Aboard the Suwa Maru, Dec. 16.

Completing a hazardous journey through mine-dotted waters, the Suwa Maru, the first Japanese vessel to attempt to cross the "ship's graveyard" off the eastern English coast since the sinking of the Terukuni Maru, arrived safely at the Downs from Southend.

Passengers got expected thrills several times during the 21 hours actual sailing time necessary to make the trip when British searchlights on the coast spanned the skies above the ship in search of enemy aircraft, and anti-aircraft guns barked intermittently and shells whizzed overhead.

No less than six ship's "tombstones" masts of ill-fated ships that appeared like stumps in a swamp—were sighted during the voyage.

There was never a dull moment aboard the ship during the danger period as passengers, ever-aware of the hazards, clung desperately to their lifebelts all the time.

Nautical Marks Secret

The perilouness of the journey was partly shown by the precautionary measures taken by the British Admiralty to keep the secrecy of nautical marks. Only the pilot—not even the master of the vessel—was shown these marks along the coast.

The Suwa Maru left Tilbury on the lower reaches of the Thames River below London at 11 o'clock the morning of December 8, and arrived at Southend harbour at 3 o'clock the next morning. The ship left Southend at 10 o'clock the morning of December 9 and arrived at the Downs the same day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Safely past the most dangerous part of the English channel, the Suwa Maru left the Downs on her trip to Japan on Thursday morning.—Domei.

Shipping Warned of German Mines

London, Dec. 17.

There are German mines in the area off the mouths of the rivers Tyne and Tees, the Admiralty announced last night. The announcement warned shipping of the location of the area in which navigation is dangerous.—Reuter.

British Employing Neutral Ships

Preferential Earnings Cause Criticism in London

London, Dec. 17.

Britain's preferential treatment of neutral vessels carrying cargo's destined for Britain was revealed yesterday by figures compiled by the shipping correspondent of "The Times."

Neutral vessels with a pre-war value of £30,000 can now earn so much money from the British Government on a single voyage from the Gulf of Mexico to the United Kingdom with a cargo of cotton that the excess of their earnings over those of British vessels would alone suffice to cover their entire pre-war course, according to the figures.

The correspondent said that British ship owners are "still severely critical" of the wide differential between what they and foreigners are allowed to earn in the service of the Government.

A typical British vessel, according to the writer, would have about 420,000 cubic feet per gross tonage which for cotton—at 60 cubic feet per gross ton—would equal 7,000 freight tons. For this, the British owner would receive the new rate of 37s. 3d. per ton, he said.—United Press.

Plastics Aid Britain In War

Wide Extension of Usage Found for Material

London, Dec. 17.

The plastics industry is proving as adaptable in war as in peace, according to competent circles. Experiments with plastic materials to replace steel in Army helmets are said to have shown that they can be produced more quickly and more cheaply in the former material, and that they are stronger as well as lighter.

More than 120 different articles, it is stated, are now being made for the war by the British plastics industry. They include bomb-release equipment, cartridge cases, certain types of bomb cases, rifle-butts, mine-finding equipment, Army badges, search-light control, insulation stocks for Bren guns, aircraft propeller blades, and transparent hooding for gun-turrets in aeroplanes.

The plastics trade is also busy meeting demands from overseas. Some firms, it is said, have already reported that their exports of moulding materials and products were doubled during the first two months of the war.—Wireless through Reuter.

Foreign Minister In Haiphong

Hanoi, Dec. 17.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Chungking Foreign Minister, has been in Haiphong for the past three days, reportedly to seek ways and means to increase transportation of military supplies through Indo-China, according to information received here.

Dr. Wang was said to be conferring with Indo-China authorities regarding movement of equipment over the Yunnan Railway, which has become a more important transportation artery since the loss of the Kwangsi route.—Domei.

Swedish Air Ace Arrives In Finland

Helsinki, Dec. 17.

The famous Swedish air ace, Captain Rosen, arrived here today as a volunteer in the Finnish Air Force.

Captain Rosen told the United Press he had joined the Finnish Army in order to "do my duty as a Swedish patriot. I feel my country, Sweden, is threatened by the Russian invasion of Finland. Therefore I am here. By helping Finland, I help my own country." Captain Rosen said he could not reveal what front he would be assigned to.—United Press.

Positions Vacant

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CHINESE clerk acquainted with accountancy and general office work, required by foreign firm. Applications stating previous experience and salary expected to Box 5318, NCDN. 12978

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W. KORBUT radio engineer, radios repaired on the spot promptly, efficiently. Telephone 36559. -8872

CHRISTMAS coming. Radio special. $2 for minor repairs, including cleaning balancing. Telephone 43383, Chang's Radio Corporation. -9918

NEW, US$65, RCA motor-car radio for $290. Limited offer. Radio Corporation of Asia, 361-3 Avenue Foch, Telephone 87777. -8940

WANTED a 4/8-tube broadcast band radio. Condition of cabinet immaterial. Box 5605, NCDN. 12942

RELIABLE repairs All make radios. Foreign engineers. 1940 models, RCA Victor, Zenith, stocked. Universal Radio Co., Authorized R. C. A. Service Station, Telephone 19225, 232 Nanking Road. 12861

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Wanted to Rent

WANTED to rent, apartment, not less than 4 preferably 5 or 6 rooms or house of 6 or more rooms, in western residential part of International Settlement; occupation soonest possible. Address Box 4966, NCDN. 12812

THREE/four-roomed apartment required for office, from January 1-15. Bund district. Address Box 4892, NCDN. -9073

COMFORTABLE room for occasional occupancy by gentleman resident outside Settlement. Reply Box 5314, NCDN. -9985

AMERICAN family, (three adults) desire use of comfortable apartment in Concession before February 14, 1940 and until completion of own residence. Telephone 78787. -9352

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SMALL cups, porcelain, figures, dinner and tea-sets, crystals, oil paintings, etc. for Christmas gifts. All bargains from emigrant's property. Come to Hongkew and your purchase is satisfactory. Martin Futter, Wolff & Cohn, 912 East Seward Road, House 11. Sunday open. 12989

FOR SALE, second-hand, one electrical train, one Pathe Baby projector, one set golf sticks, one film developer, one red lamp, photographic chemical oddments. Apply Box 5322, NCDN. -10006

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BEAUTIFUL crystalware, dinner sets, porcelain figures, oil paintings, ivory miniatures, etc. 421 Avenue Roi Albert, Apartment 5. -9929

DIAMOND ring, 2½ carats, good quality, for sale. US$300. Serious buyers only. Telephone 76253, 9-10 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m. -9757

JUST unpacked! English pure woollen shirtings. Shirts made to measure. Razons, Shirt Specialists, 12 Central Road. 12753

ONE Singer's bag closing machine, 146/1 with stand and repairing certificate. Telephone 14771. -9842

LADY'S fur coats. Silver-foxes, capes. 46 Route de Grouchy, Telephone 73740. -9544

BARGAIN. American dresses sold below cost. From $12. Esso Company, 452 Kiangse Road, Telephone 12170. -9152

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NICK'S Secondhand Furniture Shop. We pay best price for furniture, carpets, pianos, frigidaires and household effects. Telephone 73937, 146A Route des Soeurs, 3 inside. -8783

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PERSIAN lamb coat, view Telephone 11976. -9660

SECONDHAND furniture store. Buying and selling, new and secondhand furniture and household effects, etc. Feiner, 306 Rue Bourgeat, Telephone 73597. -8709

CHAMOIS leather from England, for automobiles, best quality, 23 in. x 24 in. Thomson Shoe Co., 331 Szechuen Road. -9747

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SALE. Gold, silver, silk, laces chiffon stockings, half prices. 660 Avenue Joffre, opposite Massenet, Ivanovich. -9697

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HUNGARIAN articles of home industry. Suitable gifts at very reasonable prices at the Emigrants' Thrift Shop, 55 Nanking Road. 12854

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EXCELLENT squirrel back fur-coat for Christmas present. The very thing your lady friend is expecting. For sale at Fit You Well, 427 Szechuen Road, Telephone 14334. -9981

LAST call for Christmas buyers. Newest 1939 streamlined American Radios U.S.$12.50 while they last. Few used Radios $50 up. Shortwave for $125. American Radio Equipment Company, 55 Yuen-Ming Yuen Road 12971

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DOLLS (broken); repairing, renovating perfectly done. Dollies' coats, dresses, hats, shoes, stockings and wigs. Doll's Hospital Rosette, 135 Seymour Road. -9955

IDEAL Christmas gift: Packard electric razor, $75 or nearest offer. Telephone 75523, tiffin hours. -9884

BEST gifts, silver, gold, platinum, large selection diamonds, Swiss watches, etc., at prices you can afford to pay. Orders taken settings and any kind jewellery. Repairing watches with guarantee. Ilitovich, 867 Avenue Joffre, opposite Cathay Theatre. -9568

LEATHER and Suede jackets, coats and gloves. Raincoats from best English materials, are practical and useful Christmas gifts. British Manufacturing Company, 795 Bubbling Well Road, 909 Avenue Joffre. 12944

LIQUIDATION sale. Black silk velvet for afternoon and evening dresses, zippers, ornaments, ladies' underwear. curtain lace, men's silk socks and mufflers, garters, suspenders. Cotton materials for men's shirts. All from United States at liquidation prices. 17 Rue Delastre. Telephone 72705. -9791

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